

GOING FURTHER

LAKE POINTE SUPPORT

Lake Pointe Church Adoption and Foster Care Ministry

If you are interested in adoption or foster care, or if you would like to provide time and resources to care for orphan children, please contact the Lake Pointe Adoption ministry by visiting lakepointe.org/adoption, calling 469.698.2241 or emailing adoptionministry@lakepointe.org

Adoption and Foster Support Group

This group provides support and encouragement for those who are in any phase of the foster or adoption process. For more information, visit lakepointe.org/adoption

Adoption and Foster Care Life Group

This Life Group is filled with couples in the adoption and/or foster care process. For more information, visit lakepointe.org/adoption

Lake Pointe Kids

Lake Pointe Church offers a variety of programs that come alongside parents in their effort to instill faith in children including: age-graded weekend classes, Awana, camps, and much more. For more information, visit lpkids.com

For more
resources, visit the
HomePointe Center

OR

homepointe.org

Exploring Adoption

OR FOSTER CARE



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EXPLORING ADOPTION OR FOSTER CARE

Millions of children around the world need a family. Many homes seem to have something missing that adoption or foster care offers to fill. Exploring adoption or foster care means prayerfully weighing many practical concerns in your head against the often inexplicable tugging of your heart. Consider the impact you could have in the life of a child who would not otherwise have a mother or father.

How might God be leading you to change their circumstances? What kind of home and family might you be able to provide? Which route is best—domestic adoption, international adoption, or foster care?

With so many significant factors to consider, where do you start?

STEP ONE

Understand God's Heart for Orphans

The Bible is extremely clear about God's care, concern and provision for the orphan. It's easy to grow anxious if you explore adoption in your own limited strength and understanding. There is peace, however, in seeking to know and reflect on God's heart for adoption. You can do that by reading and meditating on verses in the Bible about adoption and care for orphans (for example, Deuteronomy 10:18, Exodus 22:22-24, James 1:27, Job 29:1-12, Esther 2:7, and 2 Samuel 9:3). As you read these scriptures, consider setting aside time for fasting and seeking the Lord's will for your home.

Seeking God's heart for orphans will stretch your perspective. It will change the kind of cost/benefit analysis you bring to your decisions. It also can give you peace and patience for the details of adoption and can grow your trust in God's ability to provide for you in what He's calling you to.

While seeking God's heart for orphans, you might find yourself considering entirely different approaches to adoption. You also may discover opportunities to show care for orphans in ways other than adoption. This is where foster care can play a significant role.

STEP TWO

Educate Yourself

One of the best ways to increase your understanding of both the head and heart issues of adoption is to spend time with others who have adopted—to hear from them the joys and challenges of each step along the way. Connect with families that have adopted or have had foster placements in their home to learn from those who have walked this path before you.

Much about adoption has changed in the past few decades. New opportunities have emerged alongside new challenges. At the same time, various churches and non-profit ministries have expanded their support for orphans and adoption, providing a broad range of information and services about things such as federal tax benefits and financial assistance through grants available to adopting families. Take advantage of resources, books and the Lake Pointe Church Adoption and Foster Care Ministry listed in the *Going Further Resources* to help you in this process.

GOING FURTHER RESOURCES

Adopted for Life by Russell Moore

Called to Adopt by Mardie Caldwell

The Connected Child by Karyn B. Purvis

Successful Adoption by Natalie Nichols Gillespie

Handbook on Thriving as an Adoptive Family
by David & Renee Sanford

Fields of the Fatherless by C. Thomas Davis

More Than Just Love by Stephanie and Buck Baskin

HowtoAdopt.org