



What is Orphan Sunday?

On Orphan Sunday, churches across America and beyond celebrate the love of the God who “places the lonely in families” (Psalm 68:6) and calls us to do the same. Ultimately, Orphan Sunday seeks to *make the Gospel visible* as Christians explore and respond to God’s heart for the orphan in adoption, foster care, and global orphan ministry.

Why Orphan Sunday?

God is vested, deeply and personally, in the plight of the orphan (i.e. Dt 10:18; Ps 68:5-6). He calls His people to join Him in this, bringing to each parentless child the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed (Is 1:17; James 1:27; Mt. 10:42; Mt. 25:40). Most importantly, the Gospel itself is the story of God’s rescue and adoption of us. On Orphan Sunday, the Church is reminded of this beautiful truth and urged to act upon it.

What does an Orphan Sunday event look like?

Each Orphan Sunday event is designed and led by local believers in the local church. So events vary as much as the people and churches involved. Events in 2010 ranged from sermons and Sunday School classes on God’s heart for the orphan, prayer gatherings, and student-led fundraisers to foster family recruiting and live concerts.

What resources can we draw from?

The website www.orphansunday.org holds a host of ideas and resources for local events, from posters and bulletin inserts to videos, study guides and sermon notes.

Whom does Orphan Sunday impact?

As Christians see and respond to God’s call to care for orphans, lives are transformed. Certainly, orphans and foster youth are changed forever. But it doesn’t stop there. Individual Christians are drawn beyond a self-focused religion to vibrant, sacrificial discipleship. Their churches grow deeply, too, as the community catches the vision. Finally, a watching world is changed as it sees the Gospel story *made visible* in Christian adoption, foster care and global orphan care.

Who leads Orphan Sunday?

The Orphan Sunday campaign is led by the Christian Alliance for Orphan, a national coalition of organizations and churches committed to the Gospel and the orphan. The Alliance includes more than 75 respected ministries, from Family Life, Bethany Christian Services, and Show Hope, to Focus on the Family, Children’s Hopechest and Buckner International. More than 1,000 churches held Orphan Sunday events in 2010.