

## Grafted/ Orphan Care Ministry of BHBC

### Agenda for October 20, 2019

Romans 11:17 and you, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree...  
*Vision: We care for the orphan and vulnerable because we have been greatly cared for in Jesus*  
*Mission: To educate, encourage, care for, and support families as they consider and pursue vulnerable children through adoption and foster care in order to bring them hope of Jesus Christ*

( if your name is in green, please do some research, contact people, whatever before our next meeting... \_\_\_\_\_ )

- Gwen, please fill out building request form for gym for Nov... thank you so much.

#### First things on agenda for 10/20...

- Updates from Subcommittees
  - Blog 100% completed
  - Invite liaisons from Ensely and Northview to attend meetings?
  - Grafted Family Luncheon November 17th?
    - more entertainment, more celebration of families, hire...soup and salad?
    - \_\_\_ *food*
    - \_\_\_ *decorations*
    - \_\_\_ *bulletin*
    - \_\_\_ *kiosk/flyer*
    - \_\_\_ *games*
    - \_\_\_ *childcare?*
  - Prayer? ✓ contact people for updates, \_\_\_ get requests out, ✓ photos for table, *30 days of prayer ? start 30 days before classes?*
  - Jen & Gwen - what did you find out from other churches?
    - Jason Johnson book, concentrate on our next 6 month desires...
    - ( see next page)
    - \_\_\_ clarity on funds available?
  - Classes for Winter - Bethany Hall - Back to Back, Post Adoption Support Training, Researching/ Inquiring? Parent support class? ✓ American Bible - Aaron V.
  - Priorities for Winter ? Post Adoption Support, Speaker?

What to tackle next 6 months? ( What is priority for this school year?) Subcommittees? If you can't come to the meetings on Sundays at 4pm but would be interested in helping on committees - see attached sheet, please let us know... [lesleyzainea@gmail.com](mailto:lesleyzainea@gmail.com)

#1 Post Adoption Support ( Respite)  
training?  
meals? ✓ Lori Axelson

grandparents  
Friday nights  
over nights

#2 Another speaker - Karla Williams, Laura live117 ministry ( Bethany's friend), Stephanie again, Jason Johnson

#3 Jason Johnson committee?

#4 Support fair/Bridge Building Event? September or November (Would this be an Informative Meeting for people looking to adopt or an event to get more people involved? )

#### Accomplished from 2018-2019:

- ✓ Redesign Website links - Lesley and Sarah will work on descriptions ... and got with Patty on resources. Thank you Jake!
- ✓ Jason Johnson group connected with other churches. Researched feasibility of video. Talked to staff...
- ✓ Successfully conducted two support groups during winter NiteLife
- ✓ Changed the name of the Orphan Sunday dinner and welcomed home 5 families
- ✓ Prayed Grafted prayer with Loosenort family to welcome Juniper home.
- ✓ Hosted a widely attended seminar by Stephanie Grant at Rockford campus

#### Desires going forward...

- Fundraising for adoptions?
- finances for special needs? **Nicole Huffman** (Family Hope Foundation)
- books in the library **Patty Smith**
- Grafted "dinners" with specific "bridge building" questions to get people thinking how they can be a part of our mission
  - in bulletin more often... post cards?? Jason Johnson book p.
- Do we need a group of support for the kids to meet and talk?? **Bethany Hall**
- Handbook on Inner Healing prayer- **Lesley Zainea, Coleen Bronkema**

Notes from how support groups can be improved this year:

Questions to ponder:

Should we combine groups once a quarter? **Stephanie Grant March**

Should we have a once a quarter Saturday topic? **one Saturday a "fair" all day "considering workshop?" with dinner at the end for question and answer??**  
**September**

Should we offer a support group for teens?