

Heart For The Fatherless

Conference Schedule

Friday, November 12th

5:30pm – 6:15pm Registration & Child Care Check-In

6:15pm – 6:25pm Welcome

6:25pm – 7:25pm Keynote Speaker: Jason Weber from “Hope For Orphans”

7:30pm – 8:20pm Breakout Session 1

- Foster Care 101 (Ryan Krueger)
- Adoption Essentials: Preparing for the Adventure (Lynn & Jennie Owens)
- How to Pick an Agency (Dave Wood & Melissa Swanson)
- Finances: Where does the \$ come from? (Lance Vickerman)
- Bethany Christian Services (Colleen Howell)
- Harmony Outreach: China & Ethiopia Orphan Care (John Bentley)
- Olive Crest (Susan Kellie)
- All God’s Children (Megan Palmer)
- If You Were Mine (DVD Series): The Christian and the Orphan (Trevor Macduff)

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8:30pm – 8:45pm Asante Children’s Choir

Exhibit Booths Open (booths will be available to visit at all times during the conference)

Saturday, November 13th

7:45 am - 8:15 am Registration & Child Care Check-in

8:15 am - 8:45 am Welcome

General Session

Conference Instructions

8:50 am - 9:40 am

Breakout Session 2

- Advanced Parenting Techniques (Lynn & Jennie Owen)
- How to Help Your Drug & Alcohol Affected Child (Stephanie Howes & Krista Allison)
- Myths & Misconceptions (Jana Sheehan)
- Families For Kids (Sara Clark & Lila Rose)
- The Homestudy Process (Marilyn Weaver)
- Lifeline Agency (Dave Wood, Melissa Swanson, & Janell Lucas)
- Mordecai Ministries (Suzie Towes & Joanne Hotchkiss)
- Embracing Orphans (Carl Robanske)
- If You Were Mine (DVD Series): Making Basic Decisions (Trevor Macduff)

9:50 am - 10:40 am

Breakout Session 3

- Foster Care 101 (Ryan Krueger)
- Who is that Crazy Lady?! (Lynn & Jennie Owens)
- Waiting to Blossom: Special Needs Adoption Process (Janell Lucas & Melissa Swanson)
- Finances: Where does the \$\$\$ come from? (Lance Vickerman)
- Adoptee Panel
- Orphan Care – Leading a Short Term Mission Trip (Steve Allen)
- Olive Crest (Susan Kellie)
- Hope For Orphans (Jason Weber)
- If You Were Mine (DVD Series): Evaluating Agencies, Investigating Funding Options, and Paperwork (Trevor Macduff)

10:50 am - 11:40 am

Breakout Session 4

- The Ugly Side of Adoption (Crystal Questad)
- Foster Care Panel
- Living As a Mega Size, Multi National and Multi Needs Family (Julee Feser)
- How to Pick An Agency (Dave Wood & Melissa Swanson)
- Hope For Orphans (Jason Weber)
- All God's Children Agency (Megan Palmer)
- New Hope Adoption Agency (Mike Magnotti)
- If You Were Mine (DVD Series): Completing Your Home Study and Discovering Your Child (Trevor Macduff)

11:45am ***All Children must be picked up from Childcare – Childcare will not be provided for afternoon sessions.***

11:45 am – 12:45 pm Lunch Break

12:45 am - 1:20 pm General Session/Closing Remarks - Jason Weber

1:30 pm - 2:20 pm Breakout Session 5

- Domestic Adoption Panel
- International Adoption Panel
- The Forgotten Orphan (Dave Wood)
- Adoption Essentials: Preparing for the Adventure (Lynn & Jennie Owens)
- Bethany Christian Services (Colleen Howell)
- Harmony Outreach: China & Ethiopia Orphan Care (John Bentley)
- Embracing Orphans (Carl Robanske)
- If You Were Mine (DVD Series): Welcoming Your Child Home (Trevor Macduff)

2:30 pm – 3:20pm Breakout Session 6

- Adoptee Panel
- Who is That Crazy Lady?! (Lynn & Jennie Owens)
- The Homestudy Process (Marilyn Weaver)
- New Hope Adoption Agency (Mike Magnotti)
- Myths & Misconceptions (Jana Sheehan)
- Orphan Care – Leading a Short Term Mission Trip (Steve Allen)
- If You Were Mine (DVD Series): Finalizing Your Adoption and Final Thoughts (Trevor Macduff)