

# STAND TOGETHER

so no child or family in foster care  
has to stand alone.



*Stand  
Sunday*

*November 12*

facilitated by the **CAFO** community

We're standing together so  
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*Join us*

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

for Stand Sunday at

**Hempfield United Methodist Church**

3050 Marietta Ave.

Lancaster, PA

3-5pm

Together we join with churches across the U.S. to raise awareness of the needs of vulnerable children and families in our communities who are touched by the foster care system.

The legacy of Stand Sunday comes from a small church in Brownwood, Texas where pastor and foster/adoptive parent Bishop Aaron Blake said to his congregation, "Brothers and sisters, there are about 30,000 children in the foster care system in Texas and nearly a half a million in the U.S." He then asked this one simple question (while not expecting a verbal answer), "Who will stand with me to defend, care, and support abused, abandoned, and neglected children in our community?" After a brief moment of silence, one lady in the back of the church stood up and simply replied, "Pastor...I will." And, Stand Sunday was born.

Like a tiny, smoldering ember dropped in a pile of thirsty pine needles, her voice began to multiply. To his amazement, Bishop Blake watched as one family after another stood up and joined their voices to hers. As a result of that day, this church and the surrounding community has cared for and adopted hundreds of children in foster care over the last 18 years. In fact, their county actually has more than enough foster families to meet the need there.

We hope you will pray about the ways you can begin to stand up for kids and families in foster care so that together we can provide **more than enough** support for families in our community.