

Our Adoption in Christ:

What it Means for Us
and for Orphans

TOGETHER *for* ADOPTION Conference

FRANKLIN, TN

OCTOBER 2-3, 2009

Christ Community Church
Franklin, TN

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TOGETHER *for* ADOPTION

FRIDAY - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2-3

Dear Conference 2009 Attendee,

It is our pleasure to welcome each one of you to Together for Adoption Conference 2009! Our desire for this conference is to make much of Jesus for our joy and the joy of orphans all around the world.

We are convinced that a deepening understanding of how God in Christ has come to us in *our* misery and affliction will result in an active compassion for orphans in *their* affliction. Therefore, our conference objective is to serve the church in its ministry to orphans by focusing on the Gospel and exploring its profound implications for horizontal adoption and the care of orphans.

Our aim for this conference has been three-fold: to exult in the God who has adopted us in Christ, to deepen our understanding of God's heart for the orphan, and to consider how we might better visit orphans in their affliction. So, we invited speakers and exhibitors that we believed would help us achieve this three-fold aim; and God graciously provided them. We have speakers and exhibitors who are passionate about the Gospel, adoption, and orphan care.

The aim of everyone involved in this conference is to serve you. Please let us know how we may do so. We are very thankful for your presence and are blessed that you are here.

Together for Adoption Conference 2009 would not have been possible without the kindness of Christ Community Church. We are especially thankful for CCC's joyful willingness to host our second conference. The folks at CCC have been a pleasure to work with. Debi Armstrong, our onsite conference coordinator and the leader of CCC's adoption, foster and orphan care ministry (Forever Families Ministry), has done an amazing job coordinating this conference. If you have the opportunity to meet her or any of CCC's staff and volunteers, please thank them for their gracious hospitality.

We are also very thankful for the work of Brittnie Wilbanks. She has served extremely well as our breakout coordinator.

Lastly, we are grateful for the help that the Middle TN Christian Alliance for Orphans has provided us with breakout topics/speakers and exhibitor suggestions.

For the glory of the Gospel and the joy of orphans,

Dan Cruver and Jason Kovacs

Conference Schedule

Friday

5:30 - 7:00 PM	Registration
7:00 - 7:30 PM	Opening/Worship, Kevin Twit of Indelible Grace
7:30 - 7:45 PM	Christian Alliance for Orphans Presentation, Maridel Sandberg
7:45 - 8:30 PM	General Session I (Dan Cruver)
8:30 - 8:45 PM	BREAK
8:45 - 9:30 PM	General Session II (Scotty Smith)
9:30 - 10:15 PM	Bookstore/Exhibits

Saturday

8:30 - 9:00 AM	Opening/Worship
9:00 - 9:45 AM	General Session III (Scott Roley)
9:45 - 10:00 AM	BREAK
10:00 - 10:30 AM	<i>Breakout Session I (exhibits open)</i>
10:30 - 10:45 AM	BREAK
*Guest artist Kaleb Scharmahorn performing in auditorium (10:30-10:45AM)	
10:45 - 11:30 AM	General Session IV (Ed Stetzer)
11:30 - 11:45 AM	BREAK
11:45 - 12:15 PM	<i>Breakout Session II (exhibits open)</i>
12:15 - 1:15 PM	LUNCH BREAK (onsite)
*Guest artists Jordan & Jessa Anderson Performing in auditorium (1:00-1:15PM)	
1:15 - 2:00 PM	General Session V (Michael Easley)
2:00 - 2:15 PM	BREAK
2:15 - 2:45 PM	<i>Breakout Session III (exhibits open)</i>
2:45 - 3:00 PM	BREAK
3:00 - 3:30 PM	<i>Breakout Session IV (exhibits open)</i>
3:30 - 3:45 PM	BREAK
3:45 - 4:30 PM	General Session VI (Russell Moore)
*Guest artist Aaron Ivey will close out the conference with "Let Your Kingdom Come"	
4:30 - 5:00 PM	Exhibits

Breakout Sessions - Saturday, October 3

Group One - Breakouts Available for Sessions I (10:00-10:30AM) & II (11:45AM-12:15PM):

An Adoptee's Perspective: Nature vs. Nurture, [Lizette Beard](#), Project Manager for LifeWay Research - Lizette will share from her experiences what it is like to grow up with a God-given natural disposition that is quite different from her parents. She will highlight the blessing and challenges she encountered by navigating family, life, and the journey of becoming who God has created her to be. **ROOM: B102**

Baby Steps: Getting Started in Int'l Orphan Care, Casey Scheberl, [VisionTrust International](#) - There are so many needy children around the world, and it can feel overwhelming at times to think about making a dent. This breakout session will outline helpful tips to identifying where and how your church can get involved with caring for needy children around the world. We will discuss simple ways you can create interest among your church congregation and leadership in orphan care, as well as practical steps you can follow to help meet the tangible needs of orphans around the world. If you think God may be calling your church to engage relationally and strategically to help orphans around the world, but you just aren't sure where to start, come and learn how to take the hardest step: the first step. **ROOM: B104**

Beginning the Adoption Journey: How to Get Started, [Laura Godwin](#), Nightlight Christian Adoptions - Most couples spend about two to three years "just thinking about adoption." If you are ready to begin adopting a child but are unsure of just which direction to go, this workshop will can help you decide what is the best path to building your family and how to start the process. **ROOM: B105**

Birth Mothers and Adoption Stigma, Lisa Florian, [Member of Christ Community Church's Adoption & Foster Care Ministry](#) - We often hear from adult adoptees about their experience in connection with adoption, but less frequently hear from the birth mother. We want the conference attendees to be able to hear a birth mother's perspective on what it means to make that choice for her child. As well, we hope to address the stigma that appears to be prevalent among high school girls that choosing adoption makes you a bad mother, so much so that many see even abortion as a better and more accepted option. **ROOM: C111**

Both Hands: Innovative Way to Help Both the Widow and the Orphan, JT Olson, [Both Hands Foundation](#) - Hear about a unique approach to fundraising that not only impacts the financial needs of the adoptive family, but at the same time gives aid and comfort to widows. We will talk about the concept and the details behind the idea and you should be able to determine whether or not it's the kind of plan that could work for you. We will explore how to get your friends and a community involved in a fundraising effort that culminates with 10-20 of your friends spending a day working on a widow's house. Everyone walks away blessed. **ROOM: B106**

Church-Centered Orphan Care, Elizabeth Styffe, [Saddleback Church](#) - God has primarily called the church, not just individuals, to care for orphans. So what does it mean for the *church* to care for orphans in their distress? Come learn about how the church can fulfill this critical calling. **ROOM: B109**

Implementing a Balanced Orphan Care and Adoption Ministry in Your Church, [Johnny Carr](#), Bethany Christian Services - This session will help you think through the philosophy behind your ministry with practical suggestions for leading people to deeper involvement. We will talk about educating and engaging everyone in the congregation, many in the congregation, and then a few in the congregation. At each level, the education and engagement will get deeper and be more involved. A sample calendar will be available to give you practical ministry ideas. **ROOM: C125**

Breakout Sessions Con't

(Continued: Group One Breakouts Available for Sessions I & II)

Mobilizing the Local Church to Serve Children in Foster Care, John Schechter, [4KIDS of South Florida](#) - Opportunities to serve children in foster care are sometimes overlooked by churches wanting to respond to God's heart for the orphan. Yet, local church involvement is critically important to the lives of these precious children. This session will provide an overview of the needs of children in care and the many ways that the church can become involved. **ROOM: B110**

Moving from Success to Significance...Becoming Orphan Advocates, [Andy Lehman](#), LifeSong for Orphans - Many Christians today have great experience, expertise, and energy to serve the orphans and fatherless. This season of life is ripe to redirect time and skills for the Kingdom! This session will focus on how God can use Christian businesspeople and "everyday people" to become effective orphan advocates. **ROOM: C110**

Overcoming the Financial Challenge of Adoption, Nick Lyndon, [Show Hope](#) - The financial cost of adoption is a real challenge for many families. However, the local church can help Christian families meet this challenge through innovative funding tools, and there are many resources and opportunities that can help you overcome the financial barriers to adoption, from grants, fund-raisers, and church adoption assistance funds. **ROOM: C124b**

Special Children, Special Needs, Dan and Gretchen Rauter, Adoptive Family from [Christ Community Church](#) - Personal testimony, discussion and Q&A with adoptive families of special needs' children — How are "special needs" defined? Are some special needs too special? How is the special needs adoption process different from that of a "healthy baby"? Doctors, medical insurance, surgery, oh my!?! **ROOM: C124a**

The Comfort that the Doctrine of Adoption Brings, Kevin Twit, Founder of [Indelible Grace](#) - In this seminar we will explore the way adoption into God's family should affect our hearts, and not just our heads. In justification we become God's friends, but in adoption we are brought into His family. Come explore the important link between the doctrine of adoption and the assurance of our salvation. **ROOM: C112**

Transracial Adoption and the Multi-Ethnic Family of God, Jason Kovacs, [ABBA Fund](#) - For many the thought of adopting trans-racially is exciting but also filled with many questions and fears. This breakout will look at the biblical basis for transracial adoption as well as address practical issues such as what to do when parents or grandparents disapprove, dealing with racism, and how to respect your adoptive child's culture. **ROOM: B103**

We Have Room: The Weimer Family's Journey Through Adoption... [Heidi and Kirk Weimer](#), parents to 9 (3 biological and 6 adopted from Ethiopia), will share their personal story of adoption and how God has taken them from 3 kids to 9 kids in just 1 1/2 years. Come and hear how God rocked their lives, reminded them that their lives are not their own, and grew their family three by three by three. Issues addressed will include older child adoption and integrating international children into a new culture. **ROOM: B111**

**Group Two Breakouts are listed on next two pages.*

Breakout Sessions Con't

Group Two - Breakouts Available for Sessions III (2:15-2:45PM) & IV (3:00-3:30PM):

A Mirror, Little Green Army Men, & a Slingshot, Jason Young, [Orphan Epidemic](#) - A visual & interactive journey on how college students and twenty-somethings CAN change the landscape of orphan care. **ROOM: C112**

Adoption by Faith Alone, Kristin Wong, Author of [Carried Safely Home: The Spiritual Legacy of an Adoptive Family](#) - Orphan care and adoption bring with them vulnerable hope, heart-wrenching sorrow and splendid joy. Each of these comes with temptation to turn away from God – and precious opportunity to draw near to Him. In this workshop, we will explore how our adoption and orphan care adventures can be wonderful vehicles for a growing faith in the living God. We will discuss together how to wrestle to live by faith as we care for children, and will move towards a “when I am weak then I am strong” attitude that exalts in God through all ups and downs of adoption. **ROOM: B103**

Foster Care and Adoption, Panel Discussion, Chad Crow, Linda Roley, Deana Ferguson, and Corinna Zipp - Foster kids are often thought of as unwanted children but these "forgotten children" are like any other children waiting for forever families. Many adults fear the challenges that may arise from a child that has been neglected, abandoned or abused but "fear is false evidence appearing real" . . . come hear from parents that changed the future of a child that was in state custody. If you are not in a position to foster or adopt, there are other ways to serve (advocates, mentors, or community volunteers) -- all serving valuable roles in a child's life. **ROOM: B102**

Funding Your Adoption: Resources for Families and Churches, Jason Kovacs, [ABBA Fund](#) - For most couples, the greatest obstacle to adoption is the cost. This workshop will look at a Biblical and practical perspective on how to fund an adoption. We will cover God's promises and God's provisions through interest-free adoption loans, tax-credits, grants, and creative fundraisers. We will also look at the benefits of establishing local church adoption funds. **ROOM: B111**

Holistic Care for Orphans, Elizabeth Styffe, [Saddleback Church](#) - An important aspect of caring for orphans is to address the holistic needs of orphans. This session will focus on effective ways every church can address the medical needs of the orphan and effectively minister to those infected and affected by HIV and AIDS. **ROOM: B110**

Hope for 100: A Holistic Church Campaign for the Fatherless, Dwain Gullion, [ABBA Fund](#) - Learn how to challenge your church to care for the fatherless. Churches around the country are challenging their congregations to adopt and foster and take part in orphan care projects around the world. This breakout will look at one church's campaign to see 100 children adopted and fostered and how your church can do the something similar. **ROOM: B105**

How to Start an Orphan Ministry in Your Church, Paul Pennington, [Hope for Orphans](#) - Getting started can often be the most difficult step in moving forward, This session will provide eight easy steps you can follow to launch a successful orphans ministry in your church. The session is ideal for any church wanting to start an adoption, foster care or international orphan care ministry. **ROOM: C125**

**Group Two Breakouts continued on next page.*

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(Continued: Group Two Breakouts Available for Sessions III & IV)

International Adoption 101, Tammy Bass and Bethany Graff, [Bethany Christian Services](#) and [America World Adoption](#) - Are you interested in adopting internationally? Join representatives from Bethany Christian Services and America World Adoption as they share an overview on the international adoption process. Very generic about countries are agencies service and hague versus non-hague immigration paperwork.

ROOM: B104

Mentoring At-Risk Kids in Your Community, Arnie Adkison, [Buckner International](#) - For 130 years, Buckner has loved and mentored orphans and at-risk children. Recently Buckner began working directly with KidsHopeUSA, a mentoring program where a church adopts a school and provides mentors to elementary children with the goal of preventing them from entering the cycles that lead to tragedy and set them up for success in life. You can change the trajectory of a young child's life through mentoring working with Buckner and KidsHopeUSA—here's how... **ROOM: C111**

Orphan Sunday: Grow Commitment to Orphans in Your Church and Community, Jodi Jackson Tucker and Elizabeth Wiebe, [Christian Alliance for Orphans](#) - November 8, 2009 is Orphan Sunday. Churches, community groups, pastors, lay-leaders, and students across the country will harness this day to shine a spotlight on God's mandate to care for the orphan—and what we can do in response. Locally-led events range from sermons and Sunday School classes to concerts, fundraisers and prayer gatherings. Taken together, hundreds of simple grassroots events will echo nationwide. How can you seize the opportunities presented by Orphan Sunday? Learn how people across the country are using this day to expand energy and engagement in their churches and organizations on behalf of orphans, and how the Christian Alliance for Orphans can help you develop your own local activities. **ROOM: B106**

Starting a Regional Orphan Care and Adoption Alliance, Middle TN Church Alliance for Orphan Ministry, Panel Discussion, Debi Armstrong ([Christ Community Church](#)), Marty Schwieterman ([Fellowship Bible Church](#)), Greg Buzak ([Grace Chapel](#)), Eve Boger ([Covenant Presbyterian Church](#)), Cheryl Jenks ([Brentwood Baptist Church](#)). - Come learn how different ministries can join together into one voice for the orphan in a regional setting. **ROOM: C124a**

Strengthening the Church by Engaging and Mobilizing for Orphan Care, Alan Hunt and Michael Vinson, [World Orphans](#) - What if the church needs the orphan as much as the orphan needs the church? Come to this session to learn about the greatest kingdom building opportunity in our lifetime. God has an army of 143,000,000 orphans strategically positioned throughout the least reached places on the earth. Come hear how you and your church are being called to respond. **ROOM: B109**



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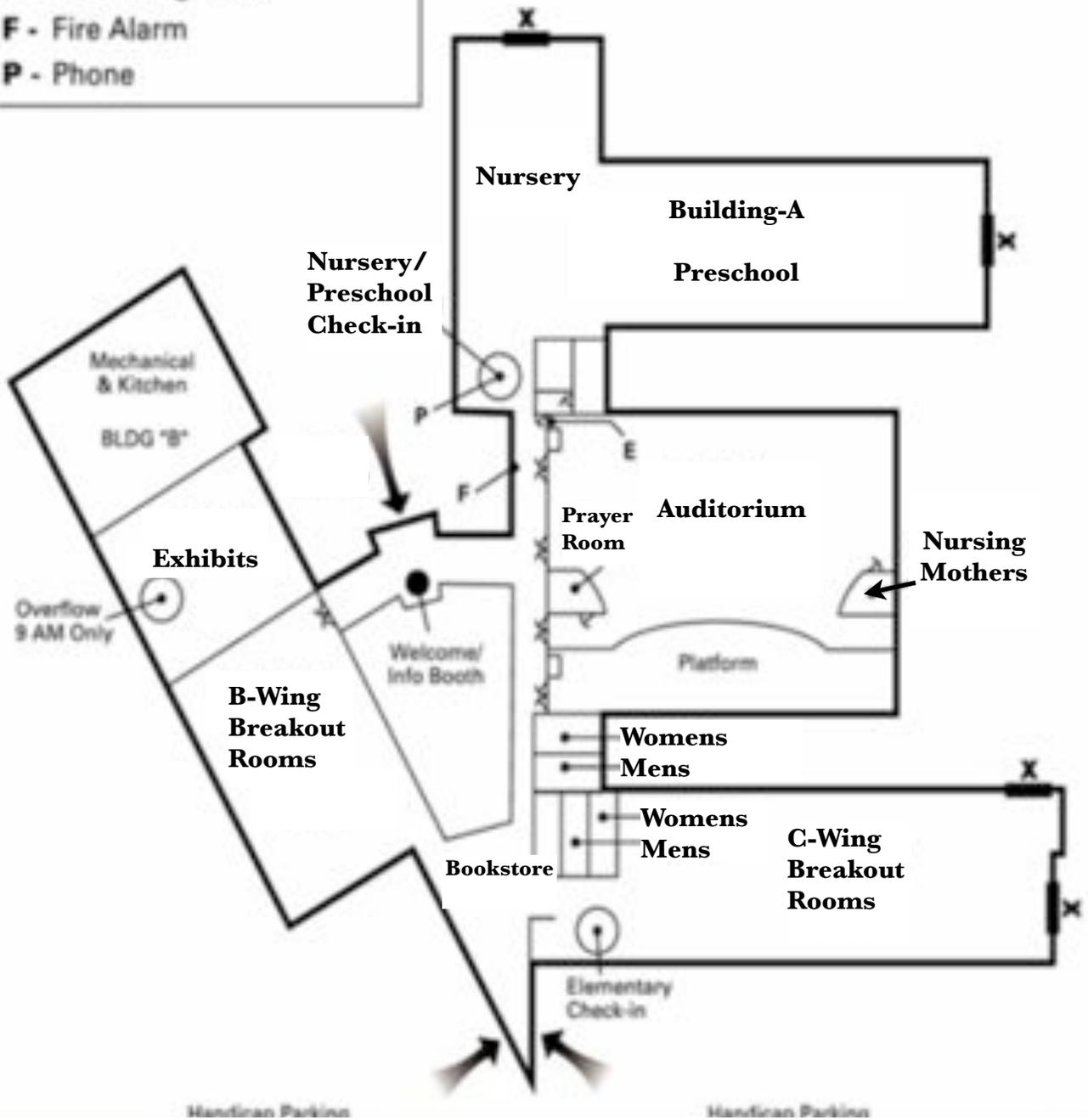
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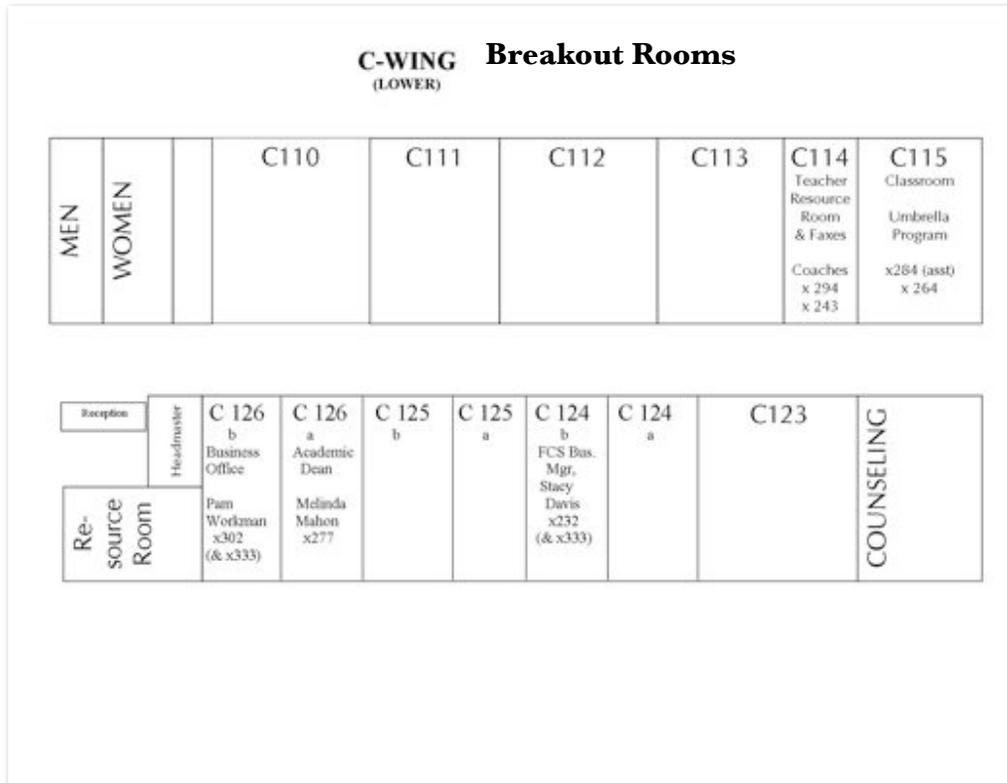
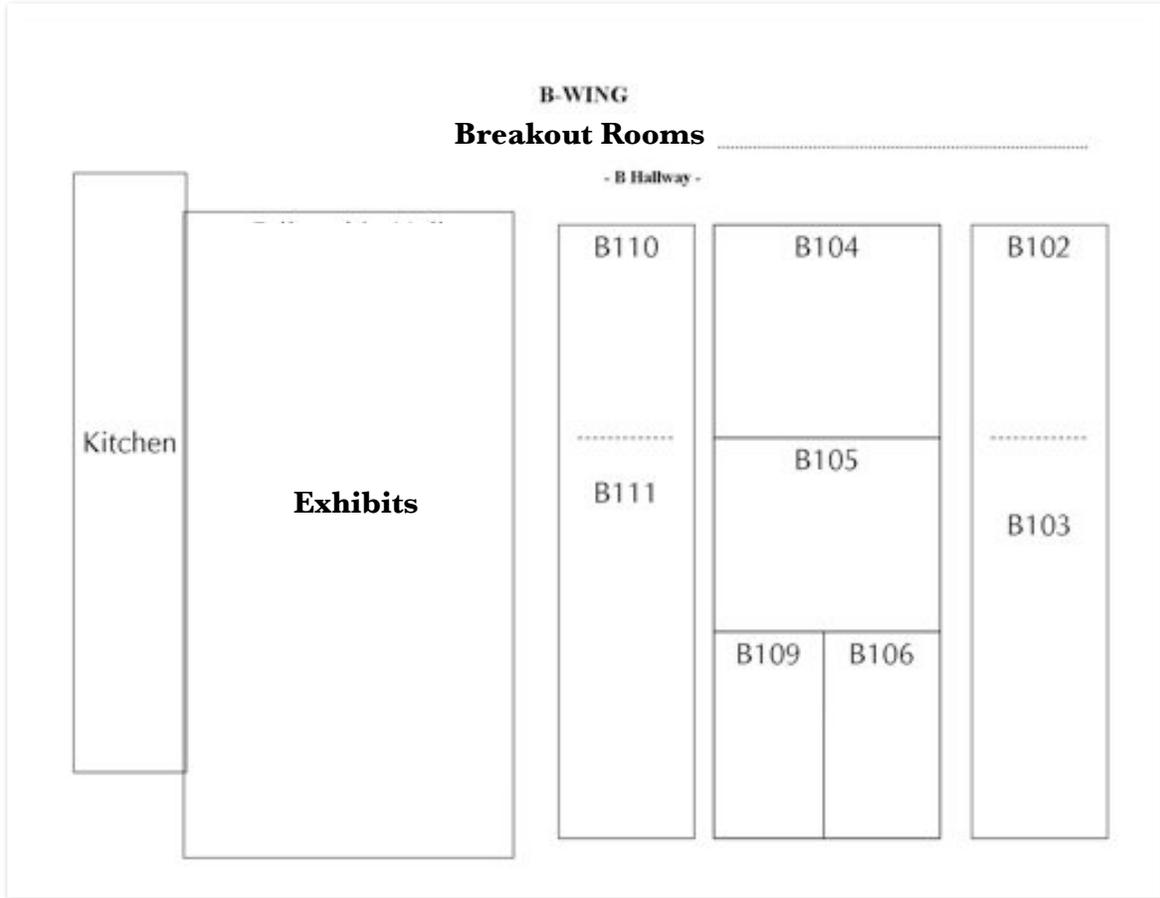
CONFERENCE VENUE MAP 1

- X** - Emergency Exit Doors Only
- E** - Fire Extinguisher
- F** - Fire Alarm
- P** - Phone



See next page for B-Wing and C-Wing maps.

CONFERENCE VENUE MAP 2



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4KIDS of South Florida - 4KIDS provides Hope...For Kids in Crisis...*One Child at a Time*. 4Kids has over 100 licensed foster homes and foster families providing love and care to the foster kids in our community. In addition, 4KIDS has twelve family-style homes that serve young adults, teens, and difficult to place sibling groups. Each month, 4KIDS provides foster parent training (Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting) to more than 30 individuals seeking to take a child into their homes. www.4kidsofsfl.org/

ABBA Fund - ABBA Fund provides financial assistance to Christian couples adopting and helps churches establish church adoption funds. Through interest-free loans and matching grants ABBA Fund seeks to help families and churches overcome the financial obstacles to adoption. ABBA Fund also provides resources for adoption through its website, conference ministry, and Hope for 100 campaigns. www.abbafund.org

Abba Java - Abba Java is a non profit grassroots organization dedicated to meeting the needs of orphans around the world through the sale of high quality coffee locally roasted in Franklin, Tennessee. It was established to provide financial assistance to orphans and to organizations that help orphans internationally and domestically. www.abbajava.org

America World Adoption - America World is committed to helping America's families and the world's orphans experience the love of God in Jesus through the "Spirit of adoption." They are a Christ centered organization that values the right of every child to have a family and believes adoption is a God ordained way to build a family. America World is also devoted to actively supporting orphan awareness ministries and hopes to spread the Spirit of adoption within the Christian community. www.awaa.org

Bethany Christian Services - Bethany provides care for orphans and vulnerable children living on five continents. They are called to care for children of all ages and in all stages of life. Bethany serves children at conception by counseling women with unplanned pregnancies and by providing frozen embryos a chance for life through our embryo adoption program. Their commitment extends to children and teens who are living in foster care or in orphanages—children who need a “forever family.” www.bethany.org



Faith in Action

Both Hands projects help serve widows in a very practical way in our communities, while raising funds to help orphans become adopted.



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Buckner International - Buckner is a global Christian ministry that seeks justice for 'the least of these' by providing care and resources for orphans and at-risk children in the United States and more than 50 countries around the world. Through international orphanage support, humanitarian aid, short-term missions, foster care and adoption, Buckner has made a lasting impact in some of the world's most poverty-stricken and socially desperate countries. www.buckner.org

Christian Alliance for Orphans - The goal of the Christian Alliance for Orphans is to inform, educate and engage churches and individuals in orphan and adoption ministry. As an alliance of Christian ministries, this unified effort is being undertaken to reach the broader Christian community about the needs of orphans and the opportunity for adoption, foster care and orphan ministry worldwide. CAFO is coordinating resources and efforts to expand orphan ministry in the Christian community. www.christianalliancefororphans.org

Covenant Mercies - Covenant Mercies is a gospel-centered nonprofit organization established for the purpose of serving the poor, the orphan, the widow, and others facing severe adversity in its own Pennsylvania community and beyond. www.covenantmercies.org

Every Orphan's Hope - Every Orphan's Hope is committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with orphaned children in Africa. They are an interdenominational evangelical Christian ministry serving on the front-lines of the battle for a generation of children orphaned by AIDS. www.everyorphan.org

Grace Giving International - Grace Giving International offers hope to at-risk children globally through quality education, adequate health care, the means to become self-sufficient and the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. www.gracegivinginternational.org

Hope for 100 - Hope for 100 exists to challenge and support local churches to obey God's Word by providing loving, Christian homes for 100 children through adoption or foster care. ABBA Fund is honored to provide leadership and administration for



Hope for 100, partnering with churches and providing ongoing coaching and support. www.hopefor100.org

Igniting Hope Foundation - The Igniting Hope Foundation is breaking the cycle of hopelessness by partnering with established outreach organizations that are effectively meeting the current needs of orphans and the homeless. They are committed to being a conduit for strategic partnerships among organizations, companies, and individuals utilizing music and media to expand the reach and to continue changing lives. <http://ignitinghopefoundation.org>

Indelible Grace Music - Indelible Grace's hope is to help the church recover the tradition of putting old hymns to new music for each generation, and to enrich our worship with a huge view of God and His indelible grace. www.igracemusic.com

Just Love Coffee Roasters - Just Love Coffee Roasters specializes in roasting Fair Trade coffees to help an orphanage in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; adoptive families raise money through customized storefronts and organizations raise money for the good works that they are doing all over the world. Just Love does not require families or organizations to purchase anything to resell. Instead, each family or organization setups up their own Just Love online storefront with a customized URL, image, text, and fundraising meter. Just Love handles every aspect of the ordering process and sends \$5 per bag of coffee sold through each store every month. www.justlovecoffee.com

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Kay Bratt - Kay is a believer, a mother, a professional, an author, and an advocate for children. After living in China for almost five years, Kay published her memoir, *Silent Tears; A Journey of Hope In A Chinese Orphanage*. The interest in her story makes it possible for her to continue her passion to make a difference in the lives of children in the orphanages of China. <http://kaybratt.com>

Knowing the Truth - "Knowing The Truth" with Pastor Kevin Boling is a live, call-in radio program providing Doctrinal Dialog, Cultural Commentary and Insightful Interviews with some of today's foremost Christian authors and leaders. <http://knowingthetruth.org>

Lifesong for Orphans - Lifesong seeks to mobilize the church, His body, where each member can provide a unique and special service: some to adopt, some to care, some to give. Lifesong's mission is to bring joy and purpose to orphans. www.lifesongfororphans.org

Nightlight Christian Adoptions - Nightlight's mission is to share God's love by helping children, both domestic and international, to find loving families; assisting birthparents and genetic parents in making a wise and loving plan for their child's future; preparing families to be committed and effective parents to adoptive children; and recognizing and advocating the personhood of pre-born children. They are committed to carrying out our mission in a way that will bring glory and honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. www.nightlight.org

Orphan Outreach - Orphan Outreach is a ministry totally dedicated to glorifying the Lord in reaching out to the orphans He loves throughout the world. Our program focus is to provide early intervention, education, spiritual development and improve the lives of those children living in substandard situations. James 1:27 describes our passion, motivation and commitment. The uniqueness of each child should always take precedence as that is how God loves us - as unique individuals created by Him for His glory. www.orphanoutreach.org



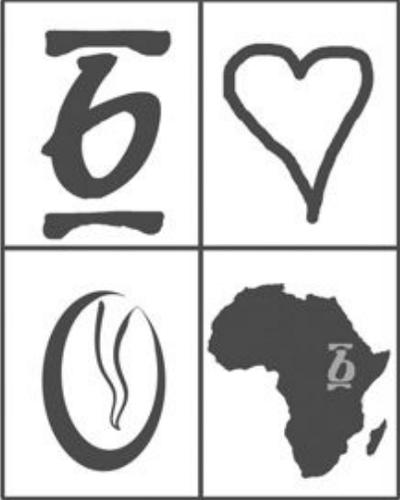
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Orphan's Tree - Russian orphans need roots, stability, protection, provision and healthy growth at the critical time when they are moving from orphanage dependence to independence. A tree wonderfully symbolizes these life-giving components, which is why we have chosen it as the symbol of our ministry to older Russian orphans. Orphan's Tree exists to bring the benefits of God's hope and family to Russian orphans when they are most alone.
<http://orphanstree.org>

Project Hopeful - Project Hopeful's dream and vision that NO child affected by HIV is waiting for their forever home because of ignorance or lack of funding and to help to attend to the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs specific to these types of adoptions and children. They believe that the CHURCH has a special responsibility to God to care for orphans, to support families called to adoption, and to refuse to forget the children left behind.
www.projecthopeful.org

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Retail Orphan Initiative - The Retail Orphan Initiative (RetailROI) was organized to raise awareness and provide real solutions for the more than 400 million vulnerable children worldwide.
www.retailROI.org

Saddleback Church Orphan Care - Because God cares for orphans, he wants the church to care for them as well. Saddleback Church has chosen to make the care of orphans and vulnerable children one of its signature issues. They are providing meaningful ways for every person to engage in caring for orphans through local churches at home and around the world. www.orphansandthechurch.com

Show Hope - Show Hope is a ministry that enables individuals and communities to change the world for orphans by not only addressing a child's need for food, shelter, care, and spiritual nourishment, but by also addressing the root issue for an orphan: the lack of a family. Show Hope is dedicated to engaging the church to care for orphans and reducing the financial barriers to adoption. www.showhope.org

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Under the lordship of Jesus Christ, the mission of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is to be totally committed to the Bible as the Word of God, to the Great Commission as our mandate, and to be a servant of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention by training, educating, and preparing ministers of the gospel for more faithful service.

www.sbts.edu

Sweet Sleep -

Sweet Sleep is a faith-based nonprofit organization that exists to share God's love by providing beds to the world's orphaned and abandoned children. Sweet Sleep works with indigenous staff, churches and businesses to provide beds and bedding to orphaned and abandoned children. Throughout the year, Sweet Sleep coordinates teams to travel to orphanages to build beds and work with the children they serve.

www.sweetsleep.org

The Radiance Foundation -

The Radiance Foundation exists to create an environment where individuals are inspired and empowered by their sense of purpose.

www.theradiancefoundation.org

Tennessee Department of Social Services -

Children need a family. They need a place to call home. They need a place where they know they'll be celebrating the holidays for years to come. They need their siblings. They need parents who will be their parents for life. Hundreds of children are in the guardianship of the State of Tennessee. The Department can find them foster homes, group homes and permanent homes. <http://tennessee.gov>

Vision Trust -

Vision Trust's mission is to develop orphaned and neglected children into mature Christians equipped to live in their own culture. They do this by enabling Christian nationals to meet the physical, educational, emotional and spiritual needs of these children.

www.visiontrust.org

Visiting Orphans -

Visiting Orphans works with Christian churches to help orphans experience the

blessing of family through reunification, transitional services and adoption. www.visitingorphans.org

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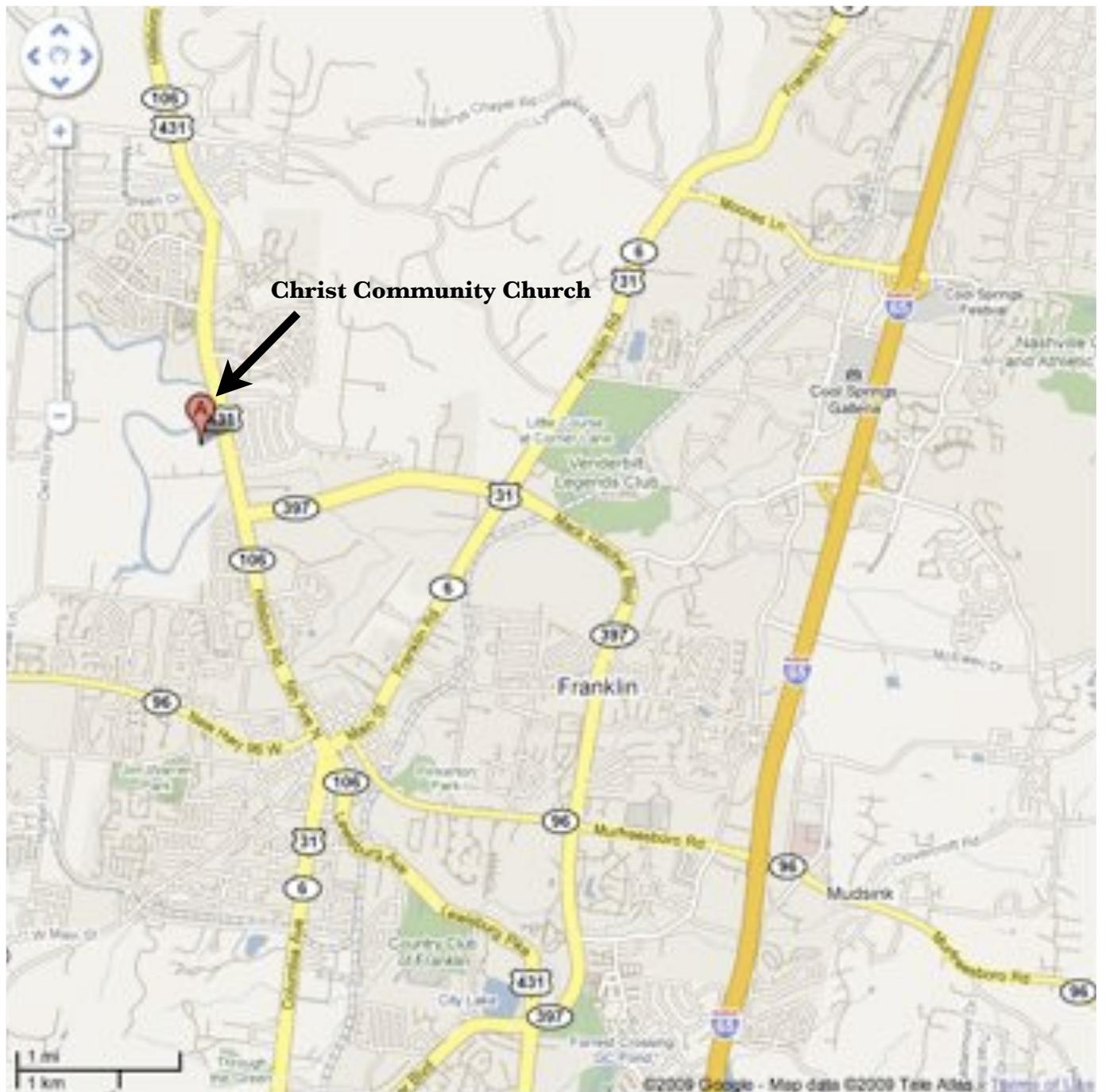
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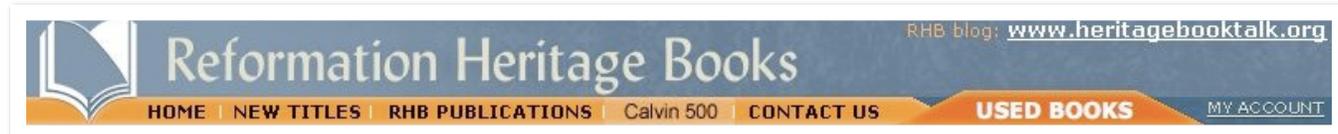
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