

FLORIDA  BAPTIST
**Children's
Homes**

**ONE
MORE
CHILD** 

ANNUAL OFFERING

Trust in the Lord and

do good.

PSALM 37:3a

**PRAY.
SERVE.
GIVE.**

Sermon Aids,
Marketing Ideas
& Resources
for Your Annual
Offering



**FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS, WE'VE TAKEN
UP A SPECIAL OFFERING TO MEET THE NEEDS
OF VULNERABLE CHILDREN.**

**IN 2018, FBCH AND ONE MORE CHILD IMPACTED 249,044
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY THROUGH
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES DEDICATED TO MEETING URGENT
NEEDS AND OFFERING LASTING HOPE.**

Pastor friend and partner church,

We are excited to partner with you once again for our annual offering which brings critical help to children in need. As we prayerfully chose the theme this year, "Do Good," we were inspired by Psalm 37:3 that says "Trust in the Lord and do good," as well as 1 Corinthians 16:14, "Do everything in love." We know there are many ways your church and members impact the Kingdom to live out God's word and "do good" for others, whether it is through giving of time, talents or resources. This year, we unashamedly ask that you lead your congregation to pray for vulnerable children and give toward our annual offering so, together, we can care for the disadvantaged, abandoned and abused.

Each month, more than 1,500 children in Florida are removed from homes due to investigations of abuse, abandonment or neglect. In 2017, more than 5 million children worldwide died before their 5th birthday; 1 in 5 children struggle with hunger in America; and Florida is still home to the 3rd most reported cases of sex trafficking in the United States. Although these statistics are heartbreaking, we know every child is loved, and we

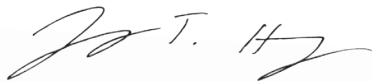


long for each one to know Christ and live with Him for eternity. Last year, gifts made through the annual offering allowed us to impact 249,044 children and families and provide nearly 7.5 million meals. Your gifts allowed us to care for 1,690 children in foster and residential care. Your gifts helped us expand the number of child sex trafficking victims we cared for and expanded our ability to help prevent more children and adults from being trafficked in the future.

Transparently, over the past decade, the annual offering gifts from our churches have declined. The needs are greater than ever! Let's reverse this trend to give our best gift through the annual offering so children will no longer be hungry, more families can be restored and we can share the love of Christ with one more child. We cannot wait to see how the Lord will allow us to **Do Good** together!

Please lead your church in giving to the annual offering so we can change the lives and eternities of children.

Together for Children,



Jerry T. Haag, Ph.D., CFP®
President/CEO, FBCH + One More Child



In the box you received, there are tools to help promote your annual offering for children. We hope the bookmarks will serve as a reminder for your church members and attendees to pray for children in care!

In the following pages, you will find ideas to plan, promote, preach and share about the offering. Churches have told us that when they did each of these things, their offering was a greater success for children!

This year, there are more tools than ever on our website -- including videos, social media graphics and more. Check them out at:
onemorechild.org/annualoffering.





**WAYS
TO HELP**



PLAN

Set a goal for your church. Write down your plan and pray big! Together, the body of Christ can do amazing things to care for children everywhere that need our help! Let's give them hope this offering day.

PROMOTE

People remember what they see. Hang posters in your church before offering day! Spread the word further by hanging posters in local coffee shops and storefronts. And then show our video and PowerPoint slides in church on your annual offering day. These resources can be found on our website at onemorechild.org/annualoffering.

PREACH

We believe God will stir hearts within your congregation as you preach and teach about how love, when put into action, will change the life of a child in distress. Now, more than ever, we need Christians to rise up and give, volunteer and be a voice for the voiceless!

SHARE



Our free media elements can be found at onemorechild.org/annualoffering. There are PowerPoint slides, videos, a Facebook cover image and more. Share them with the world and your congregation through social media! Ask your attendees to urge their social networks to give to change the life of a child by visiting our website or taking part in your offering! Share elements on Facebook, post them to a friend's wall, tweet them, save them as desktop backgrounds or screensavers and more!



STEPS & RESOURCES

**LET'S PARTNER TO
PROMOTE YOUR OFFERING
FOR CHILDREN**

NOW

- Request a speaker.*
- Pray that God will use your church to **Do Good** and help us impact more children and families than ever before.

LEADING UP TO OFFERING DAY

- Share details about the offering on your church's social media platforms! Sample language and photos can be found on our website.
- Announce your goal. Hang posters. Get the word out!
- Show pre-service slides until your annual offering takes place.
- Start sharing online! Spread the word!
- In preparation for the offering, download our impactful videos.**
- Make an announcement from the pulpit. Break out the offering envelopes!

ON OR BEFORE OFFERING DAY

- Show one or more of the videos on our website and place the postcards in your bulletin or worship guide.
- Ask a mother, foster parent and others to pray during the worship service for hurting children served through FBCH and One More Child.
- Preach a sermon on orphan care.
- Check out our sermon resources for ideas!

THROUGHOUT 2019

- Continue to promote and encourage the annual offering.
- Have a member of your church give a testimony about their involvement with FBCH and One More Child through giving or serving.
- Celebrate your church's impact for children.

***REQUESTING A SPEAKER**

We have talented and passionate speakers and preachers who love the Lord and want to share how your church can become involved in what God is doing at FBCH and One More Child! If you would like to request a speaker, contact us at 863.687.8811 or email us at children@onemorechild.org.

****VIDEO DOWNLOAD**

Visit onemorechild.org/annualoffering to download our free videos to share with your congregation.



SERMON AIDS

STORIES TO SHARE

LUKE*

We need people who are committed to **Do Good** because precious children like Luke* are desperately counting on it.

At two months old, Luke was removed from his home after being abused so badly that he was not expected to make it through the night.

One More Child foster parents met Luke at the hospital in his hour of greatest need. They prayed for him, they sang to him, and they cared for him as their own.

Not only did God spare Luke's life, He also reunited Luke with his siblings in a loving, Christian foster home.

NADINE AND HER FIVE CHILDREN

Nadine was once a happy stay-at-home mom of five children, but divorce changed all of that. At age 30, she suddenly had to figure out how to put food on the table for her four daughters and son.

They quickly found themselves in a local emergency shelter, but their time there ran out fast.

When she joined our Single Moms program, she learned how to become a better mother. She was taught the Bible by a mentor. She began furthering her education, and she earned enough money to afford a reliable vehicle to get to and from work.

Today, Nadine can once again say, "I can see a bright future for my children!"

VERONICA

When you **Do Good** by providing a gift, you impact the lives of teenagers like Veronica.* If you met her today, you would see a creative, outspoken 16-year-old who loves dogs and cartoons.

When those involved with One More Child Anti-Trafficking met her, they saw a young woman who was dealing with severe trauma and searching for peace.

Veronica had been abandoned by her parents, groomed into a life of being sold for sex and struggled with substance abuse that was used as a coping mechanism.

Veronica bonded with a One More Child survivor mentor, and within a few months, she had made incredible strides.

For the first time, Veronica is complying with a curfew and making wise choices about having appropriate friends; she is learning how to communicate better with people close to her; she was accepted into a new school because of her academic achievement; and she is healing. Veronica finally has exciting dreams for her future.



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**DO GOOD TO HELP
CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE**

WHEN YOU DO GOOD BY MAKING A GIFT TO OUR ANNUAL OFFERING, YOU ARE MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO CHANGE THE LIFE OF A CHILD.

NATION AND WORLDWIDE:

- In 2017, there were more than 440,000 children in foster care, an increase of more than 40,000 over a 4-year period. (The AFCARS Report, 2018)
- In 2017, more than 5 million children worldwide died before their 5th birthday - more than 15,000 children per day on average. (UNICEF, 2018)

FLORIDA:

- In 2018, more than 15,000 children were removed from their homes because of crises, abuse, abandonment or neglect. (Florida DCF, 2018)
- On average, there are nearly 18,000 children per month in Florida who are part of investigations of abuse, abandonment or neglect. (Florida DCF, 2017)
- In Florida, 1 in 5 children struggle with hunger. (Feeding America, 2018)
- Florida ranks third in the nation in number of active sex and labor trafficking cases being prosecuted in federal court. (Human Trafficking Institute, 2018)

SERMON AIDS

How FBCH and One More Child used your gifts to change the lives of children and families in need in 2018:

- We impacted 249,044 children and individuals through services provided and by equipping them through advocacy, training, awareness and volunteering.
- We served more than 7.5 million meals domestically and globally.
- We provided 226,078 days of childcare to children in Florida.
- Our Sanctity of Human Life ministry impacted 4,417 lives through education efforts and sharing life-saving messages to advocate for unborn children.
- 118 women and children were provided housing, resources and spiritual guidance through our Single Moms program, which helps courageous single moms find hope and develop the skills needed to be self-sufficient.
- Our Anti-Trafficking program provided leadership, training and resources to national leaders in Washington D.C., the Dominican Republic and Guatemala. We provided nearly 10,000 hours of service to victims through our mobile crisis teams.

Together, resolve to give your best gift to change the lives of one more child in 2019!

- Start a ministry in your church to wrap around foster families, support adoptive parents, feed disadvantaged children, mentor single moms and more. We would love to partner with you to make a huge impact for kids and families!
- Join us on a global mission trip and encourage church members to sponsor children around the world.
- Share our videos and social media posts with your church members to keep them connected to the mission. We can all **Do Good** to make an impact in the life of one more child!

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ANY OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES, EMAIL US AT CHILDREN@ONEMORECHILD.ORG.



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