



2017 Year in Review

Our Mission:

- Ensure that every Christian in Centre County is aware of the plight of the fatherless locally and globally
- Motivate every believer in Centre County to engage in their responsibility to care for the fatherless
- Provide biblically-based resources to help create well-equipped Christian homes for every fatherless child in Centre County

The 2017 annual budget was \$18,000. While we ended the year in the black, we foresee additional funding needed to expand our impact in the Centre County Community. Will you please consider making a year-end tax deductible donation so we can start the year strong? The events, conversations, and lives enriched this past year provides great momentum as we head into 2018. Here are just a few ways we have seen God move:

- Hosting a monthly “Coffee Talk Care Group” for foster and adoptive moms where we are consistently welcoming new moms. This is a precious time of vulnerability and encouragement.
- Began hosting monthly “It’s A Dad Thing” for foster and adoptive Dads. We have seen this group grow and deepen with its dedicated attendees.
- The James 1:27 list has mobilized several Christians in Centre County to support foster and adoptive families as well as families on the verge of losing their kids to County custody. Several needs have been met such as baby equipment, bunk beds, mattresses, and bikes, in addition to other needs. These are self-referrals or from Centre County Children and Youth case workers.
- Requests from the county needing mentors for parents who have gotten their children back from Children and Youth Services. Several of these relationships have been arranged and families are being supported.
- The first annual “Picnic with a Purpose” held in July to provide fellowship opportunities for foster and adoptive families. Ninety people were in attendance including caseworkers, social service staff, and a judge who performed several local adoption ceremonies.
- 120 people attended Orphan Sunday and 12 agencies/organizations were represented for the purposes of encouraging those involved in fostering, adopting, mentoring and international child sponsorship and to provide information to those thinking about serving in these areas. We are already seeing the impact with follow up meetings as people take “next steps” in their journey of helping hurting kids.
- We close out the year celebrating opportunities of sharing the mission with 13 new Centre County churches.
- We are thrilled at the cooperative relationships, and opportunities to serve, local social service agencies.

We believe God has much more in store for the 2018 year ahead!! Should you feel lead to join in the mission by helping with a tax-deductible donation, please send a check made payable to “**City Church Ministries**” with “**Orphan Care**” in the memo line in the envelope provided, or donate online at www.CCOCA.org. Thank you for joining us in the journey!

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