

A letter from our President ...

I was riding down the road on the first day of November flipping channels on my Sirius XM radio and stumbled upon Channel 70 which is usually the love song channel. I know - I am a "softy" for good music, especially from the 80's - anybody remember Air Supply? While listening, I can't believe I am hearing Christmas music! Yes- eight weeks before Christmas day, there I am listening to "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer". To think, I was just giving away Halloween candy twelve hours earlier and hanging with a bunch of teenagers dressed in crazy costumes. That's the world we live in today I guess. For me, I am just focused on and excited about Thanksgiving. After eating some fried turkey, it will then be time to tune to the Christmas radio channel and listen to some classics as we head toward a wonderful holiday of remembering Christ's birth.



Kevin Qualls
 CAS President

This fall has been a busy time at CAS. God continues to bless on all fronts of our ministry. It has been such a blessing to meet so many folks who are connected to Christian Adoption Services. One thing that I am excited about is coming up in a few months as we begin a new year. 2019 will mark the 40th year of existence for CAS!! What an incredible history and legacy we are all a part of. As I push toward the end of my 3rd year with CAS, I stand in awe of the work our founders, Jim and Doris Woodward, performed for 37 years. One thing I have learned in my time at CAS is that social work is hard! There are many twists and turns, and nothing is predictable. Not to mention the spiritual warfare we are up against daily. But the reward of connecting vulnerable children to Christian families is so worth it - amen?! In the Bible, there is something significant about the number forty. Our 40th year is going to be something special, and we hope that will join with us to celebrate all year long the past, present, and future of Christian Adoption Services.

A few days ago we hosted our inaugural South Carolina banquet in Boiling Springs (near Spartanburg) and it was an incredible night. Ryan Bomberger from the Radiance Foundation was our guest speaker with 175 people in attendance. The night ended with those folks blessing the ministry with a little over \$43,000.00! Pray God will continue to open doors as we reach families and birth moms in South Carolina. We hope to see those in the Raleigh/Rocky Mount



area for our 2nd annual Eastern North Carolina Banquet. It will be on November 30th in Rocky Mount, and you can register online to reserve a spot today. Jamie Ivey will be our guest speaker for this event.

As always, please continue to lift the ministry in your prayers. Without prayer and God leading CAS, we would lose a lot ground fulfilling our mission. Also, thanks in advance for your end of year gifts to the Angel Fund. Be looking for these Christmas cards the week after Thanksgiving. God bless all of you, and thanks from the bottom of my heart for your support of Christian Adoption Services!

In Christ,

Kevin Qualls

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KEVIN'S SPEAKING SCHEDULE

- November 11 – Christ Covenant Church, Rocky Mount, NC
- December 2 – New Charlotte Church, Matthews, NC
- December 30 – Flint Hill Baptist Church, Fort Mill, SC

Come hear Kevin as he speaks about adoption at the churches above-he would love to see you there! If your church or group is interested in having Kevin speak, please contact the office at 704-847-0038, or e-mail Kevin, kevin@christianadopt.org.

Building God's kingdom by connecting vulnerable children with Christian families.

the GREAT Adventure

Benefit Banquet

Friday • November 30 • 6:30 pm
Englewood Baptist Church • Rocky Mount, NC

Adoption is an adventure! Join us on November 30th as we celebrate adoptive families that are blazing a trail on a great journey. The annual benefit banquet in Rocky Mount supports the mission of Christian Adoption Services, and we hope you will be a part of this exciting evening. This year, we welcome keynote speaker Jamie Ivey - author, host of "The Happy Hour" podcast, and adoptive parent. Registration closes November 19th. You can register on our website, christianadopt.org. Contact Sonia Livingston at sonia@christianadopt.org with any questions.



Merry Christmas!

**Come see the CAS Christmas tree
at the Novant Festival of Trees!**

**Tree Lighting:
Thursday, November 15 5:30pm
Trees on display through December 26th
Novant Health Matthews Medical Center
1500 Matthews Township Parkway
Matthews, NC**

Christian Adoption Services is displaying a Christmas Tree in the 10th Annual Festival of Trees at Novant Health Matthews Medical Center. This year's "Great Adventure" tree reminds us all of what an adventure it is when God calls a family to adopt a child into their family like God does for us! Information for potential adoptive families and moms that might be considering placing a child is available at the tree. Be sure to stop by on Thursday night, November 15th for the official tree lighting and the beautiful trees from local businesses and organizations will be up through December 26th.

Angel Fund 2018



Collections for the CAS Angel Fund will begin after Thanksgiving. The holiday season is a great time to complete your year-end giving, and we are grateful for gifts received through this campaign. Because of your generous gifts last year, 6 international children were brought home to forever families, 30 North and South Carolina babies were placed with Christian families, and 118 expectant moms were served by CAS counselors! Your gifts are what allow us to fulfill our mission of building God's kingdom by connecting vulnerable children with Christian families. To give, please contact Sonia at sonia@christianadopt.org

We are excited to announce that a CAS team will be going back to Monterrey, Mexico, to serve with Back2Back Ministries, in March, 2019! For the first time, CAS is opening this trip to you! President Kevin Qualls, as well as other CAS staff members, will be serving orphans in the local children's home from March 23- 28, 2019. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining Kevin and the team in living out James 1:27! If you are interested in signing up, or would like more information, please contact Mike at mike@christianadopt.org or check it out on our website!



 MEXICO MISSIONS TRIP 2019

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November is National Adoption Month and November 17th is National Adoption Day! Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services will honor those families who are adopting or have previously adopted this year. The Courts will issue the final decree of adoption for families who recently filed an adoption petition. Families will receive either a certificate or decree from the presiding judge. A reception and entertainment will be provided at this family friendly event where families are allowed to share their special moment with family and friends at this joyous occasion.

Location

Mecklenburg County Court House
832 East 4th Street
Charlotte, NC 28208

In honor of National Adoption Month, we would love to hear from you what #adoptionmeans to you! Send your response to lauren@christianadopt.org for an opportunity to be featured on our social media. This is also a great opportunity to open the door to talk with your kids about adoption and what it means to them. Our goal for this month is to give people the opportunity to have open dialogues about adoption – so share with us your stories about what #adoptionmeans to you!



**One Day. One Voice. One Purpose.
“God sets the lonely in families.” Psalm 68:6**

“On Orphan Sunday, Christians stand for the orphan. We are a people called to defend the fatherless...to care for the child who has no family...to visit orphans in their distress. Each event is locally-led. Sermons and small groups, concerts and prayer gatherings, shared meals and youth activities—each rousing believers with God’s call to care for the orphan and what we can do in response.”*

*From the Christian Alliance For Orphans website, to learn more about Orphan Sunday and how your church or organization can get involved, visit <https://cafo.org/orphansunday/>.

2018 Staff Retreat - Myrtle Beach, SC



In October the staff of Christian Adoption Services took a trip to Myrtle Beach, SC for the annual staff retreat. With employees spread out over the Carolinas, it was great for everyone to have a chance to come together, focus on team building, to meet the new faces hired recently, to connect and bond as a staff, receive updates, plan, brainstorm, and focus on the many exciting things in store for CAS this coming year! With inspiring words from guest speakers Chris Ruppe of Lifepointe Church, and Dr. Hank Williams of Boiling Springs First Baptist Church, as well as President of CAS Kevin Qualls, and plenty of bonding over great food, bowling, and a surprise wedding shower, the team came away from the weekend feeling refreshed, encouraged, and excited for the year ahead!

New Home Study Workers at CAS

Recently, CAS has employed four new home study workers (Adoption Caseworkers) to serve our families in North Carolina and South Carolina. Sharon Dees is serving families in Eastern North Carolina, Deann Borkowski is serving families in Eastern South Carolina, Amanda Gibbs is serving families in Central South Carolina, and Zan Raymond is serving families in Western South Carolina. Each of these ladies bring unique qualifications and experience to CAS. Welcome Sharon, Deann, Amanda, and Zan!



Staff Serve Day

On October 10th the staff of Christian Adoption Services in Matthews, NC and Rock Hill, SC had an opportunity to serve families in the local community. By joining local organization Beds for Kids, the staff enjoyed cleaning furniture that will be used to minister to families whose children do not currently have a bed to sleep on in their home, as well as delivering some of this furniture to a family in the Charlotte area! To find out more about this awesome local organization, you can visit their website at www.bedsforkids.org.

It's time for Christmas shopping!
Your online shopping can make a difference...learn how!

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You shop. Amazon gives.

Your gift-buying can benefit adoption when you shop online!! Amazon Smile provides a way to support CAS every time you shop at no cost to you! When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to our agency. If you currently have an Amazon account, you can search for Amazon Smile in the product search box, and learn how to add Christian Adoption Services to your profile so every purchase gives hope to waiting kids and families, or read more about Amazon Smile at www.smile.amazon.com



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