



THE GATHERING WELL
ADOPTION & FOSTER CARE COMMUNITY

Support Meeting Schedule

2020-2021

All meetings will take place from 6:00 pm to 8:15 pm in the Oakwood Chapel at Central Church on 3102 W. Ralph Rogers Road in Sioux Falls unless otherwise noted. A free meal for families and therapeutic-based childcare for children ages 1 to 13 will be provided. To RSVP for any meeting, email info@gathering-well.org.

AUG 11 Kickoff Family Picnic

Kickoff Family Picnic at Life Church starting at 6:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet other families who share your heart for adoption and foster care! Please bring a picnic dinner and drinks for your family. We will not be sharing any items to keep everyone as safe as possible. Life Church is located at 501 N. Elmwood, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

SEP 15 Conversations on Race and Identity

Presented by Vaney Hariri

Vaney Hariri is a local entrepreneur who is passionate about creating real relationships between cultures in our community. Vaney will teach and lead us in discussion around race, identity, and how to speak with and love our children well in this current climate.

OCT 20 Family Dynamic and Sibling Panel

Presented by Mary Weber, MS, LMFT, LPC

Mary Weber will help us explore the impact caring for kids from hard places has on all members of the family. She will guide us through a video panel of siblings of all ages (to adopted/foster children) sharing their personal experiences.

NOV 17 Navigating Birth Parent Relationships

Presented by Tanna Becker and Beth Hughes

Honoring the first family our children came from is part of our calling in foster and adoption work. Join us as Tanna and Beth present best practices for communication and compassion for our kids' stories and their first family.

DEC 8 Dads Night

DEC 15 Moms Night

This month, carve out some time for refreshment and connection with just the men on the 8th and the women on the 15th. No childcare or meal will be served these evenings. Gatherings at Central Church from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

JAN 19 First Culture and Resilience

Presented by Theresa Kashale

Born in Central Africa, Theresa came to the US as a refugee. Now an English Language Learner teacher in Sioux Falls Theresa will lead a discussion on how to maintain the integrity and importance of our children's first culture and help them move toward resilience.

FEB 16 The Apocalyptic Family

Presented by Dr. Nathan Hitchcock

Your household is "apocalyptic" in more ways than you think! In this joyful, refreshing message you'll hear how adoptive families embody the future in ways that natural families cannot.

MAR 16 Secondary Trauma

Presented by Lisa Stellinga, MS, QMHP, LPC-MH, LAC

Secondary trauma can be the result of caring for a person with trauma. Lisa will lead us toward greater understanding of this phenomenon and offer healthy ways to move toward recovery.

APR 20 Connected Parenting

Presented by Kayla Raymond

The late Dr. Karyn Pervis said "When you connect to the heart of a child, everything is possible." Sharpen these tools and mindset as we refresh ourselves on TBRI (Trust Based Relational Intervention) practices.

MAY 11 Year-End Celebration Picnic

Let's celebrate a year of community and growth with a picnic at Life Church (501 N. Elmwood, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.) Details on food will be determined at a later date.