



## -- Our Mission: Welcoming In – John 13:34-35

-- Statement – “Welcoming in’ means that we love each other deeply. Through faith in Jesus Christ, we are experiencing God’s matchless love, and we know that God wants us to do our best to love each other in the same way that Jesus loves us. In fact, our purpose is to love one another with such sincere, Christlike love that everyone will be able to see that we really are God’s people.”

## -- God cares intensely for the helpless.

-- Psalm 10:14 -18, Psalm 68:5-6

## -- We are called to be proactive about helping children in need.

-- Isaiah 1:17, Proverbs 31:8-9

-- Wise living means loving what God loves, hating what God hates, and acting accordingly (James 1:27, 2:14-17).

-- Loving what God loves means “welcoming in” children in need.

## -- In helping children at risk, we depict the Gospel (Mat. 18:5).

-- Apart from Christ, every one of us was a helpless child in desperate need (Matthew 9:36, Ephesians 2:12).

-- In the mercy of Jesus Christ, we who were helpless spiritual orphans have been welcomed into God’s household (Ephesians 2:12-13, 1 John 3:1).

-- In welcoming in children at risk, we powerfully portray the Gospel we profess.

## -- Safe Families for Children – “Welcoming In” Applied