

## JAMES 1:27 WEEKEND

*"Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world."*

November 9, 2014  
Celebration | 8:45 am  
Elevation | 10:45 am  
Guest Speaker: Johnny Carr



### **About today's Guest Speaker:** *Johnny Carr, Orphan Justice*

Johnny Carr is the author of *Orphan Justice: How to Care for Orphans Beyond Adopting*. He has worked as a pastor establishing orphan care and adoption ministry and has been the director of Bethany Christian Services. He and his wife, Beth, have five children, three of which have been adopted.

## **Orphan Justice:** How to Care for Orphans beyond Adopting

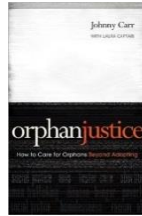
### **When you take on the pain of someone else, it will cost you:**

- Emotionally (Change of Heart)
- Time (Change of Schedule)
- Comfort (Change of Priorities)
- Money (Change of Budget)

### **Notes:**

## Digging Deeper:

- 1) Consider reading “Orphan Justice” by Johnny Carr, available for purchase in the Corner Bookstore.



- 2) Study the following Biblical passages on caring for the fatherless:

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| • Exodus 22:22-24      | • Job 22:7-11    | • Psalm 94:6        | • Jeremiah 49:11 |
| • Deuteronomy 10:18    | • Job 24:2-4     | • Psalm 146:9       | • Ezekiel 22:7   |
| • Deuteronomy 14:29    | • Job 24:9       | • Proverbs 23:10-11 | • Hosea 14:3     |
| • Deuteronomy 16:11    | • Job 29:11-12   | • Isaiah 1:17       | • Zechariah 7:10 |
| • Deuteronomy 16:14    | • Job 31:16-18   | • Isaiah 1:23       | • Malachi 3:5    |
| • Deuteronomy 24:17    | • Job 31:21-22   | • Isaiah 9:17       | • John 14:18     |
| • Deuteronomy 24:19-21 | • Psalm 10:14    | • Isaiah 10:1-2     | • James 1:27     |
| • Deuteronomy 26:12-13 | • Psalm 10:17-18 | • Jeremiah 5:27-29  |                  |
| • Deuteronomy 27:19    | • Psalm 68:5-6   | • Jeremiah 7:5-7    |                  |
| • Job 6:27             | • Psalm 82:3-4   | • Jeremiah 22:3     |                  |

- 3) Take a next step in Orphan Care by checking out these resources:

- Christian Alliance for Orphans: [christianalliancefororphans.org](http://christianalliancefororphans.org)
- Together for Adoption: [togetherforadoption.org](http://togetherforadoption.org)
- Tapestry Adoption and Foster Care Ministry - Irving Bible Church: [tapestryministry.org](http://tapestryministry.org)
- Show Hope - a movement to care for orphans: [showhope.org](http://showhope.org)
- Olive Crest - Orange County adoption/foster care: [olivecrest.org](http://olivecrest.org)
- Bethany Christian Services - national adoption agency: [bethany.org](http://bethany.org)
- Nightlight Christian Adoptions - national adoption agency: [nightlight.org](http://nightlight.org)
- Royal Family Kids Camp - summer camp for children who have faced abuse: [royalfamilykids.org](http://royalfamilykids.org)
- LifeSong for Orphans - adoption funding: [lifesongfororphans.org](http://lifesongfororphans.org)
- Lifeline Christian Services - adoption services: [lifelinechild.org](http://lifelinechild.org)
- All God's Children - orphan prevention, education and adoption: [allgodschildren.org](http://allgodschildren.org)
- Buckner International - a ministry to orphans around the world: [buckner.org](http://buckner.org)
- Orphan's Promise - a ministry to orphans around the world: [orphanspromise.org](http://orphanspromise.org)
- Orange County Social Services - our local government foster/adoption agency: [ssa.ocgov.com/adopt](http://ssa.ocgov.com/adopt)
- Orangewood - a temporary shelter for OC kids removed from their homes: [orangewoodfoundation.org](http://orangewoodfoundation.org)

## Next Steps:

- 1) Place your faith in Jesus as your Savior and Lord.

Have you placed your faith in Jesus Christ and become a child of God? Use the booklet in the seat rack called, “steps to connect with God” to found out more details on how you can become a Christian today.

- 2) Get involved in Orphan Care. Use the Orphan Care card in your bulletin to provide your information to any of the orphan care ministry partners in the lobby today.

- 3) Join today's Q+A luncheon with today's guest speaker, Johnny Carr.

The free lunch begins at 12:15 pm in Fellowship Hall.

- 4) Attend the REACH LifeLab on Sunday, November 16 at 12:15 pm in Fellowship Hall

Join us for a 3-hour class next Sunday, where you will discover how your unique spiritual gifts, personality and experiences can be used to reach Orange County and the world for Jesus Christ. Lunch is provided.

## LifeGroup Discussion:

- 1) Read Deuteronomy 14:28-29. Why did God set up a system for the Israelites to make provisions for the poor, fatherless, non-citizen? Why can we learn about God's heart from this?
- 2) Read James 1:27. What are your thoughts on this passage? Does this verse make you feel guilty, overwhelmed or inspired? Why?
- 3) Read Psalm 82:3. What are practical ways you can live this passage out? As an individual Christian? As a Lifegroup?