

Amazing Grace

Romans 6:14

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Grace Klein Community Newsletter

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OUR PURPOSE

To demonstrate the love of Christ

Grace Klein Community exists as an educational and charitable 501(c)3 non-profit providing relief to the poor, the distressed and the underprivileged, lessening community tensions, eliminating prejudice and discrimination and combating community deterioration and juvenile delinquency.

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UPCOMING EVENT HIGHLIGHT

Vecchia for Valentines

Looking for a unique place to celebrate valentines this year with your sweetheart, your best friend, or your family? [Vecchia Pizzeria and Mercato](#) has something special in store for us!

On February 9, 2016, the awesome folks at Vecchia will be donating 10% of all sales, from 5 til 9 PM, towards the local and global ministry efforts of Grace Klein Community. The added bonus? Kids eat **FREE**. Come join us!

Date: February 9, 2016

Time: 5 - 9 PM

Special: Kids eat **FREE**

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LOCAL EFFORTS

January Food Delivery

This month, 46 groups of volunteers (married couples, small groups & individuals) delivered 213 food boxes to families in and around Birmingham. Our monthly food delivery ministry is a great way to get involved in the community of Birmingham, Alabama!

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We are in **URGENT NEED** of **VOLUNTEERS** for our monthly food delivery ministry. A number of families are currently on the waiting list to receive food boxes due to the shortage of delivery teams. Email ryan@gracekleincommunity.com for more information on how to get involved.

“Let the consequences of your obedience be left up to God.” – Oswald Chambers

Family Fun Nights

Current research shows that the average American enjoys at least 4.2 meals at restaurants every week. The reasons vary from work meetings, convenience, no time to cook, social gatherings, or preference. Noticing that many of us are at restaurants any way, we began intentional Family Fun Nights every month for friends of Grace Klein Community to have a space to enjoy one another.

These nights are intentional for the “let’s get together sometime,” that never happened because we get busy in our days, that turn into weeks and months. For the new friends you recently met that you want to get to know better, here’s a place to invite them. Or that co-worker at work that you really want to encourage, the one stressed out by bills, marriage trouble and the parent who is very ill. What about the need for time with community, time to laugh and talk about what’s on your heart?

Family Fun Nights will vary every month, by location, so check our website, read our newsletter or keep informed on social media. Mark your calendar and invite friends.

We will also have products from our [Be More Random](#) store at most of the Family Fun Nights. If you need to purchase a few gifts, while out to dinner, please keep us in mind.

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GLOBAL EFFORTS

By Faith We Stand - Madhuri's Mission, India

“But that does not mean we want to dominate you by telling you how to put your faith into practice. We want to work together with you so you will be full of joy, for it is by your own faith that you stand firm.” 2 Corinthians 1:24

Many of you may have been aware that we were praying about a team going to serve with our India partners in January, 2016. We have raised *some* funds and established *some* church commitments, but we still require additional funding and a stronger church partnership base for a trip to India. We continue our commitment to Madhuri's Mission and need your help to care for and educate HIV & AIDS infected children. We hope to raise sufficient funds to travel mid-year to encourage leadership and to develop a long term strategy to care for these vulnerable children with the leadership in the field.

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The Stone the Builders Rejected

At 4756 Wine Ridge Lane just off Indian Valley Rd, a house stands as a home for its tenants, a symbol of God's work through the hands and feet of the body of Christ, and a resting place for friends, missionaries and members of the Grace Klein Community. The walls are covered in pictures of friends, volunteers, and families who have contributed so greatly to the lives of Grace Klein Community, and the people we serve. In the dining room, a beautiful painting of a Koinonia tree stands to represent the ideal state of fellowship and unity, surrounded by words describing values so important to a person's walk with Christ.

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"We love because He first loved us." ~ 1 John 4: 19

Με ἰσὺς πο **BETTER TOGETHER** | 1 John 4: 19

"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Romans 12: 4-5

Our "better togethers" introduce various members of Grace Klein Community and help us understand how our different giftings work together to form one body. We are better together.



The Value of Order

As he reached retirement, he prepared for how he would use his time. Being accustomed to working 80+ hours a week, he needed a plan in place. He could only sleep late, eat whatever he wanted and piddle for a week or two and then he knew he would slowly go insane. His career had taught him sacrifice, generosity, self-discipline, work ethic, determination and contribution. No way could he slam on the brakes of his life to stall when he had lived full throttle for over 40 years. He chose to share and one of the first ways he began to invest was through Grace Klein Community. [READ MORE](#)

Joyful Hilarity

Sometimes we just need to have fun. Out-loud laughter, enthusiastic conversation, excited planning, creative chaos... the noise of fun. Some people just naturally bring excitement to a room. They draw people in a way that says, "you are wanted," "you are cherished," and "feel the love because I love you big." An extroverted extrovert. Never too many people to love.

In walks Dana Owens... charming, witty, never met a stranger. She laughs at herself. She's not afraid of making mistakes or a mess. Or even if she is, that doesn't stop her from inviting friends into her home, keeping extra kids, teaching a homeschool writing class, or fitting in time for a game night.

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Give me 66 Ounces

Beulah Brown is one of the most vibrant, joyful, generous people you will ever meet. Her love for God shows in every way – the way she loves people, the way she shares anything she has, the way she has raised many children that were not her own, the way she jumps up out of her chair to praise Him when she is overcome with thankfulness. She sings, prays and laughs from deep within her soul.

We are grateful Beulah is in our lives, bringing joy, laughter and a song full of Jesus. She inspires us to be passionate about worship and about praising our Father in everything we do.

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Not Your Average Joe

One of our most recent business partners is Trader Joe's. One of our community volunteers walked into Trader Joe's one rainy afternoon, handed the manager a Grace Klein Community pamphlet, told him who we were and what we were about. After just a few minutes of conversation Grace Klein Community was placed on their donation pick up schedule. Volunteers collect donations twice a week and are on call during the week for pickups if other organizations are no shows. [READ MORE](#)



“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much...” – Luke 16:10

HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED IN JANUARY – Luke 16:10

Worship on Wine Ridge January 17, 2016

When we entered the coffeeshouse, a two-piece band was already playing, two girls: one on the viola and one on the acoustic guitar. Their band's name was ["The Brave Kind."](#)

Their voices were smooth and melodic, their lyrics were meaningful and spiritual, and they showed great skill in their instrumental crafts.

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Brookhills Youth – Serve Day January 23, 2016

On January 23, 2016, around 100 youth from [The Church at Brookhills](#) served at various Grace Klein Community sites all around the city. For approximately 4 hours, the youth and chaperones worked with hearts willing to serve, despite the cold. The cold weather was tough, but, with hard working hands, fellowship and prayer, a considerable amount was accomplished.

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Family Fun Night – Taziki's January 26, 2016

On January 19, 2016, the awesome folks at [Taziki's](#), Chace Lake, donated 20% of all sales accumulated from 5 til 8 PM, towards the local and global ministry efforts of Grace Klein Community.

\$308.63 was raised in donations that night, and \$190 was raised by merchandise purchased from our [BeMoreRandom](#) store.

Thank you to everyone for your support!



THANK YOU to the 28 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



THANK YOU to the 64 individuals and families as well as the 6 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

Thank You

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