

Faith in God Includes Faith in his Timing



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- 07/10/2017: Brook Hills Serve Day
- 07/11/2017: Briarwood Cheerleaders Serve Day
- 07/10 – 07/14/2017: [Mission Serve](#)
- 07/28/2017: [Help Move Food Boxes](#)
- 07/29/2017: [Monthly Food Delivery](#)

Email amaris@gracekleincommunity.com to volunteer!

UPCOMING EVENT HIGHLIGHT – No More Safety Pins

Grace Klein Community, in partnership with [Liberty Church](#), will be hosting our 2nd annual [No More Safety Pins](#) event benefiting the Local Food Delivery Outreach Program of Grace Klein Community. No More Safety Pins is a clothing trade event for the frazzled mama who doesn't have time for sorting, tagging, and safety pins. Clothing children for the next season does not have to be a stressor or a budget breaker. Help us serve and unite families in Birmingham.

Shopping scenario: "Frazzled mama has no time for hangers, tags and safety pins. She participates in "No More Safety Pins" by bringing 50 excellent quality items and paying \$25 on a "drop off date." She trades in the 50 items to receive 50 new items on the shopping weekend. If she wants 20 more items, she pays in another \$25. Frazzled mama's friend comes with her without trading any items, so she pays \$25 for every 20 items she selects."

Trade Days:

August 17, 2017 from 5pm til 9pm (Early Shoppers Only)

August 18, 2017 from 10am til 6pm

August 19, 2017 from 8am til 4pm

Email natalie@gracekleincommunity.com for more details on how to be an early shopper.

Volunteer opportunities are available and we need all hands on deck. [SIGN UP](#) today!

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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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A GRACE KLEIN COMMUNITY EVENT



Field of Hope – Mission Serve

A team from Mission Serve will be traveling to Birmingham, from July 8th - 15th, to serve with Westwood Baptist Church, and Mission Serve reached out to Grace Klein Community asking how we could partner to love on Birmingham together during their time here. [READ MORE](#)

If you have extra time on your hands to assist by overseeing various projects on July 10th - 14th, 9am - 4pm, please email natalie@gracekleincommunity.com. Mrs. Sheila, the event coordinator, is wheelchair bound, so any help would be appreciated! Also, if you would like to volunteer your time assisting with food preparation and outreach ministry at the Friday evening event, please email natalie@gracekleincommunity.com for more details.

“For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.” – Psalm 36:9

LOCAL EFFORTS

#50K50days

We are on day 30 of our 50 day prayer towards raising \$50,000. To date, Grace Klein Community friends have raised \$2,054.43 toward the extension of our building. In case you missed it... we are running out of elbow room. We are expanding beyond capacity! Would you consider giving \$50 so we can all make a deeper impact for the incredible people of Birmingham? Can you help us spread the word? Share this link with a friend, family member and/or neighbor who have been impacted by GKC:

<http://gracekleincommunity.com/all-event-list/50k50days/>



Let Everything that Has Breath Praise the Lord!!!

“After the unexpected loss of our father, my brother began exploring his love for music through instruments. He beat on anything he could find as he learned how to play the drums. His leg never stopped moving under the dinner table as he was working on the “kick drum.” Pencils became drum sticks, the floor, his kick drum, plastic containers and the kitchen counters were hi-hats, cymbals and snares. Our comments of “you’re making a noise” never stopped my brother from pursuing his desire to learn.

A particular story from roughly 15 years ago still resonates in my heart. Uncle Wynand, a friend of my father’s, came by our home with a guitar. He told my brother that he could have the guitar, on one condition... that he paid him R1 (\$0.076) for it. Seems like an odd request, but he had reasoning. Uncle Wynand believed that we take better care of things that cost us...”

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Trash to Treasure

A community member sent us these beautiful pictures of her garden in an email titled “Morning Eye Candy.” What a treat to see how God has used rescued everything to create such beauty and usability. Also, what a great reminder to all of us of how He Himself welcomes us in our mess, much of what we would consider trash, rescues us and turns us into something beautiful.

We are welcomed home too and because of Jesus, no matter what we have done, He will forgive us, nurture us and turn our trash into His treasure, just as this garden has become a treasure for the one who has toiled on its behalf. We will start to look like this beautiful garden when we surrender our lives to Jesus and let Him weed out the bad, fertilize the good and nurture us into a very picture of Himself. Look at that beauty!! Don’t miss Jesus! [READ MORE](#)





Global Efforts

"Mama Beka" heading back to Africa

"A year ago, I was saying goodbye to the wonderful family I had come to know and love at Kwathu Children's Home in Livingstone, Zambia. I will never forget having to hold back tears as a little girl grabbed me and begged me not to leave. Now, in just a few weeks I will be saying "hello again" to live life with these sweet children, for an entire year. I have been overwhelmed by the love and support of my family, friends, and church family. From fundraisers, gifts, to lots of love and prayers. I am so thankful for everyone who has helped make this possible. As I am waiting for my permit to be approved, I have to remind myself that God's timing is better than mine." [READ MORE](#)

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"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.

Keep Singing

When a child worships, with abandon, without instruction, and in full freedom, the heart of an adult is deeply moved to worship too. Not to worship of the kid, but of the One the child worships. Adults can stuff emotions deep down inside ourselves, almost forgetting what it is like to feel, forgetting to remember the One who over and over again has proven Himself faithful.

Remember when you had no concept of time, when your tears were over taking a bath or going to bed, when your biggest decisions were riding your bike or building a fort? Spending time with children helps us remember what is really important and the treasure of living peacefully in the right now.

Arie Burke is a worshiper, praise dancer, chicken egg gatherer, bread sorter, donut eater, little wanderer, Jesus lover who is making our community better. Maybe you have met her in the office driveway, putting the rescued flowers tightly in water buckets so ladies all over Birmingham could feel special that week.

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Believe and Receive

Mary Elizabeth comes to GKC often to volunteer and do whatever needs to be done. She brings her sons and they all pitch in. If you have been here on a Tuesday afternoon, you have probably met her. She keeps the GKC Trade Market open until 6pm on Tuesdays. Yes, I am thankful for her service and devotion to Grace Klein Community. I can't say enough about the work she puts in here.

We are blessed to have her volunteer her time and I would never downplay her service, but the real blessing comes in just meeting her, listening to her, observing her, and allowing her to pray over you. If you have been on the receiving end of her prayers then you know what I mean.

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Camping Week Reflections

On May 26th - June 4, 2017, Grace Klein Community held our annual camping week at Oak Mountain State Park. Excitement starts to rise weeks before camp begins! Finding the sunscreen suddenly becomes of utmost importance for the kids... only to ensure they can embrace every day in the sun to the fullest... there is no time for sunburn, there's just too much fun to be had!

Life is beautiful when you recognize the Creator in all things! Strangers connect through Jesus, stories shared as if we've known each other for years, singing together isn't awkward...oh the joy in worshiping as fellow believers!

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"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." – Romans 12:12

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Family Fun Night – Taj India

On June 13, 2017, Taj India hosted a Family Fun Night, contributing 10% of all sales from 5pm – 10pm, towards the local ministry efforts of Grace Klein Community.

Taj India took us by surprise by making Grace Klein Community their charity of choice one Tuesday evening. Many enjoyed a buffet dinner and chill time while loving on Birmingham... a little differently.

Chow Down for the Children

Every year, Rojo Birmingham, graciously hosts a 10% giveback evening in support of one of our partner ministries, Kwathu Children's Home. What we like to call "Chow Down for the Children" was a great success! Thank you to volunteers who helped manage the BeMoreRandom merchandise table in support of Kwathu, and to all those who loved on the children's home by showing your love and support!

Networking for a Cause

In conjunction with Chow Down for the Children, Rojo Birmingham hosted our quarterly Networking for a Cause event supporting the local outreach efforts of Grace Klein Community.

With over 100 business professionals in attendance, live music by local artist Camryn Goins and the awesome Rojo vibes, the evening was such a success.



THANK YOU to the 72 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



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THANK YOU to the 94 individuals and families as well as the 14 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS

"Grace Klein offers so much to our community through providing their monthly food boxes, feeding the homeless, and so much more. We desire to serve our community by partnering with Grace Klein to offer underprivileged students and adults a way to succeed through the help of our tutoring services. Our Sponsor A Student program allows students and adults, who could not otherwise afford it, the opportunity to receive much needed academic support that will promote success. We desire to work hand-in-hand with Grace Klein to support these students and adults and to help them succeed in life." – [Upper Limit Learning](#)

Grace Klein Community would like to express our sincere thanks to our Business Partners for their support. Business Partners help make it possible for Grace Klein Community to provide food, clothing, and essential household items to aid individuals and families in need throughout the Birmingham Metro area and around the world.



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