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## OUR MISSION

### To Create Authentic Community

Grace Klein Community seeks to create authentic community (*Koinonia*) by uniting diverse individuals, businesses, ministries, and churches to work together by sharing what they have in order to meet physical and spiritual needs both locally and globally.

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## UPCOMING EVENT HIGHLIGHT - African Djembe Circle

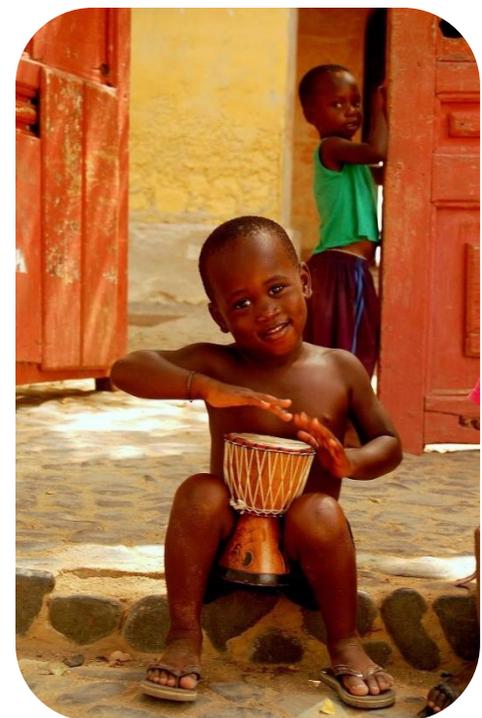
On April 16, 2016, Grace Klein Community will be hosting a Djembe Drum Circle event, incorporating various businesses, churches, non-profits, families and individuals, with the goal of uniting individuals, no matter their age, gender, race, or belief system.

Young or old, no matter your life's journey, **ALL are welcome!** Come have fun while learning how to play the Djembe drum, regardless of experience or ability. Hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks and desserts, will all be available for purchase from 5pm. Come early and join us for dinner before all the happenings! All proceeds benefit [Kwathu Children's Home](#) in Livingstone, Zambia.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP??

- **DONATE** ketchup, mustard, mayo, pickles, paper plates, aluminum foil, charcoal, and napkins.
- Spread the word with friends and family by sharing [THIS LINK](#) on your timeline and inviting friends to the event:

If you're interested in becoming a business sponsor for the event, or interested in donating a door prize to support the cause, contact Natalie via [natalie@gracekleincommunity.com](mailto:natalie@gracekleincommunity.com) for further details.





## Agape Feast - April 9, 2016

An evening of encouragement and reflection not to be missed. Come celebrate and share how Christ has loved you!

Sign up before April 9, 2016, and ask God how you can contribute to the evening to encourage others, whether through sharing a special moment, a scripture or a song. Come prepared for an evening filled with fellowship, laughter, and God stories!

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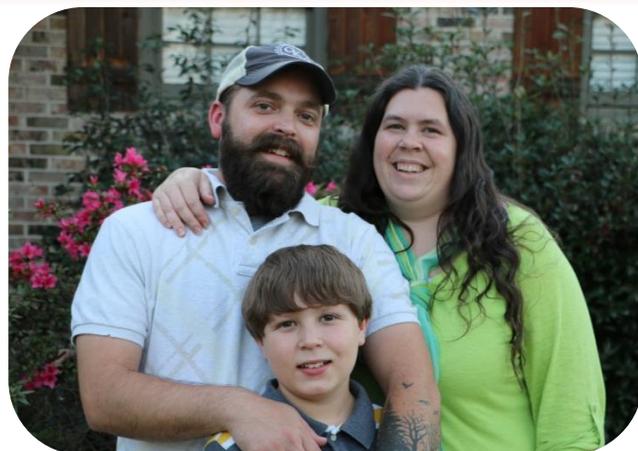
“Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart, for consider what great things He has done for you.” – 1 Samuel 12:24

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### Meet Our Newest Staff Member - DJ Gamble - Local Missions

“The end of 2015 my family and I began to face some scary hurdles. I lost my full time job in October and put everything on hold to search for another one. I saw an opportunity to spend time serving with Grace Klein Community. It helped relieve the monotony of online applications and updating resumes for eight to ten hours a day. Over these last several months God has given me the honor of sharing with people who had a need, organizing canned food drives, renovating a community house, beginning a partnership with Trader Joe's to secure food donations, and learning about all that Grace Klein Community does daily to make an impact in Birmingham and globally. Looking for a “normal” job started to feel less important. We just learned to do more with less.”

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### Annual Camping Week - Oak Mountain State Park

Camping week will be here before you know it! Camping week will start May 27, 2016, and end Sunday, June 5, 2016, at Oak Mountain State Park. We will book sites close together and inform you closer to the time on which site we will share common meals. To register, or for further information, click on the [“REGISTER NOW”](#) below.



### Weekly Worship Gatherings

Monday Night Prayer Night: 6PM, 2328 Deerwood Rd, Hoover, AL 35216

Taco Wednesday: 6PM, contact [scott@gracekleincommunity.com](mailto:scott@gracekleincommunity.com) for directions!

Something about a home environment creates intimacy, trust and vulnerability. We expose our brokenness and allow God to heal us because we want more of Jesus. We learn to share our hard moments to help bear the load of another's pain and sorrow. We celebrate birthdays and babies, school grades and graduations. We learn to live life together.

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## GLOBAL EFFORTS - Yard Sale for Youngsters

On April 2, 2016, Grace Klein Community will be hosting a yard sale in support of partner ministry, Kwathu Children's Home. If you're looking for good deals on everything from household items, to baby clothes, kid's toys, strollers, furniture, home décor, and even video games, the yard sale is where you need to be.

**When?** April 2, 2016

**Where?** 2328 Deerwood Road, Hoover, AL 35216

**Times?** 7am til 2pm

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“Our walk counts far more than our talk, always.” – George Mueller

## BETTER TOGETHER - MEET A FEW OF OUR REBEKAH'S

“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.

### Compelled by Faith

Rebekah Blocher is a dear friend and member of Grace Klein Community as they provide loads of jewelry for us to sell in our [BeMoreRandom](#) store for mission fundraising purposes. Grace Klein Community is able to fuel the family business while also raising funds to support missions in Birmingham, AL, and around the world. Volunteers of Grace Klein Community sell their jewelry everywhere and it deeply ministers to people and allows us to speak loads of scripture over complete strangers.

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### For Such as These

As a pre-school teacher and children's ministry servant at her church, Rebekah Lowery, is investing in kids. She's teaching Jesus through Bible stories, songs, games and crafts. She's teaching life skills like patience, kindness, gentleness, sharing, self-control, listening. The kids are watching her and they are doing what she does. If we watched her open a pack of crackers, we would see the children open it the same way. Or how she stacks the books on the shelf at the end of the day, that's how they would do it too. They are shadowing her, copying her and imitating her. She's teaching them through her words, actions and love. [READ MORE](#)



### Quality Over Quantity

Educators impact generations. They get up early and stay up late. They love well. They see potential buried under challenging attitudes and circumstances. They believe in children when they don't believe in themselves. Rebekah Austin is one such educator, a bundle of energy, always smiling, joyful and spunky. People love her. She's sought out at the soccer field and after the church service. Her students feel her love and miss her when they advance past her courses. She listens to kids and asks them questions. She wants to see them understand new concepts and enjoy special projects. [READ MORE](#)





## Goodsearch: Support Grace Klein Community by Searching the Internet

Every day, there are millions of people using the Internet. Most of them are using search engines like Google, Yahoo, and Bing to search for everything from their favorite restaurants to facts for their school paper to advice and opinion columns. What if we told you there was a search engine that, with the partnership of Grace Klein Community, is helping feed families in need in Birmingham, bringing shelter and protection to orphans at Kwathu Children's Home in Zambia, and showing Christ's love to communities around the world? Would you use it? If so, then [Goodsearch](#) is the website to use! [READ MORE](#)

"In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines His steps." – Proverbs 16:9

HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED IN MARCH

### Family Fun Night March 8, 2016

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the awesome folks at Pie Five Pizza, Chace Lake, donated \$2 for every pizza and drink combo purchased, between 5 and 9pm, towards the local and global ministry efforts of Grace Klein Community.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

### Briarwood Serve Day March 15, 2016

On March 15, 2016, forty eight students from Briarwood Christian School served together with Grace Klein Community. Students using their gifts, skills, and passions to serve a community that strives to do the same...what a blessing, and how thankful we are to serve one another while serving together.

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### Networking for a Cause March 22, 2016

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Grace Klein Community held our third "Networking for a Cause" event at [Vecchia Pizzeria and Mercato](#) in the Preserve. This event is held quarterly and was started last year as a way for business professionals to meet new people and build relationships while raising money to benefit Grace Klein Community.

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



*Thank You*



THANK YOU to the 40 individuals and families as well as the 10 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

## MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS

"[A+One](#) is an athletic ministry that seeks to incarnate the Gospel into Birmingham, its surrounding areas, and across the globe. We're excited to partner with an organization like Grace Klein Community. We have learned so much from this community about what it looks like to give and receive resources freely in the Kingdom of God."

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 serve individuals and families in need, throughout the Birmingham Metro area and around the world.

If your business or employer may be interested in becoming a Business Partner, please visit our "[How to Become a Business Partner](#)" page.

