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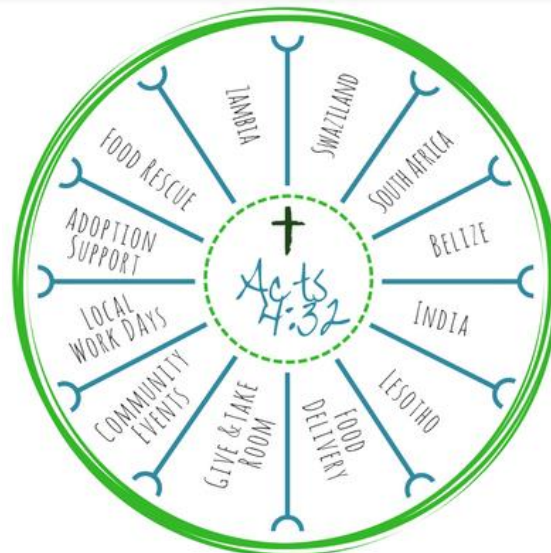
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OUR PURPOSE

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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Event Highlight – Networking for a Cause

Make plans to join Grace Klein Community at Brook Highland Bar and Grill on 280, Tuesday, October 15, 5pm – 8pm, for our quarterly Networking for a Cause event.

[Networking for a Cause](#) is a free event that provides a great opportunity to meet new people in the Birmingham business community, while raising funds to assist families in the Birmingham area with food, clothing, and household items.

Speed Networking from 6pm – 7pm. Free Appetizers!

Speed Networking is a great way to meet many business professionals in a short amount of time. Speed Networking also provides a great chance to brush up on your 1 minute elevator pitch about your business and the opportunities you are looking for.

Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Time: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: [Brook Highland Bar and Grill](#), 5279 Highway 280, Birmingham, AL 35242

Donate a canned good or bring a door prize!

If you are interested in attending or donating a door prize or silent auction item, please contact Rachael via 777-8455 or rachael@gracekleincommunity.org





Fall Freebies

Are you looking for something fun and FREE to do with your family throughout the Fall in the Birmingham area? Check out these free events happening over the next couple of months:

Family Fun Friday at Railroad Park

When: Every Friday (depending on weather)

Location: 1800 First Avenue S, Birmingham, Alabama 35233

Time: 6:00 PM

This class invites collaboration and a little friendly competition with team activities like kickball, soccer, and whiffle ball. A new game each week keeps it interesting, with low to high impact games promoting exercise, mental health and fun. This class is FREE thanks to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama. Please arrive 15 minutes early to register. You will be required to sign-in each time you participate in this class.

This is just the beginning... [READ MORE!](#)

“And walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” – Ephesians 5:2

Local Efforts

B-A-M Buffet

On August 23, 2019, the ULECx Market hosted a Birmingham Business As Mission B-A-M Buffet from 11AM - 12:30PM at Church of the Highlands Grandview. Seven speakers were allotted seven minutes to share on the following topics: the definition of business as mission, intentional small groups in the workplace, using your business for God’s glory, the Word of God as our foundation, wise stewardship of investments into the Kingdom, collaboration of businesses to share profitability for the intentionality of spreading the Gospel to unreached people groups, and the importance of Christian business leaders living together in community.

Grace Klein Community was honored to be included in this Business as Mission gathering and Jenny Waltman was one of the “Seven in Seven” speakers. As an organization, we teach the concept of sharing, believing as the Word says, that if we all share what we have, we will all have what we need. [READ MORE](#)



Monthly Food Delivery

We would love to have you and your family serve alongside us to care for these families and share the HOPE of Christ through our simple acts of kindness.

Our monthly food delivery ministry is a great way to get involved in the community of Birmingham, Alabama. Volunteers go out, once a month, all over Birmingham to deliver food boxes to love on families. But, it’s about so much more than food... we seek to build relationships with people and walk through hard times with them. We wholeheartedly believe that meaningful, long-term relationships are a key factor in alleviating poverty.

Grace Klein Community currently serves over 360 families in the Birmingham area with a box of food on a monthly basis. Email serve@gracekleincommunity.com to commit to deliver a route or to join in on the food distribution fun!



Global Efforts

Catching the Rhythm - Beats and Books, South Africa

The **core team** at Beats and Books has expanded over the past year. The Isaacson family moved from Brazil to South Africa last July to serve full-time with Beats and Books. Jonathan and Carla Isaacson are originally from Chile but served as missionaries for 7 years in Brazil. They have four children, Isabella, Christopher, Amaro and Mathias.

In March, Prima and Cornelius welcomed a second son, Yosefe Nathaniel, making them a family of four, and Grace Wong returned to Jeffrey’s Bay in May and is also serving full-time with us. [READ MORE](#)





The Faithfulness of our Father – Dakar Academy, Senegal, West Africa

"August 2019 and I'm back in Dakar for a second year teaching at Dakar, Academy. We have over two dozen new staff and a new campus opening west of the city next month. Growth and change and a refreshing call for our community to live and work in unity welcome us to a new year.

As I'm compiling student data, organizing syllabuses, and planning each class... God paused me. This summer marked the 17th year since I first left America to explore missions, God's love and ultimately a life lived recklessly obedient to Him. Doing the math, that's half my life.

Simply put: it's not easy, but it's so, so good. I've been tempted to live off the glory of the past. Depend on myself. Trusting my instinct and self-righteousness. There have been silent times with the Lord as I've busied myself with non-essentials. Then I come to His throne again. To be loved and transformed." [READ MORE](#)

"Yet You, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of Your hand." – Isaiah 64:8

BETTER TOGETHER

"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.



Formidable Lovebirds

"For I am a great King, saith the LORD of the hosts, and my name is formidable among the Gentiles." Malachi 1:4b

"This is the one word that I hear when I look at this dynamic duo, Mike & Sam Stacks ...Formidable. Extremely impressive in strength or excellence. Exactly. When this precious retired couple first walked into Grace Klein looking to volunteer, my first thought was, "Aw...aren't they cute." Barely a week after that first impression and meeting, while I still think they are the cutest lovebirds that I have ever seen, these guys are unstoppable!

Mike has stepped into the role of part-time box truck driver and his lovely bride will either follow along in her car or stay behind and do whatever needs to be done to prepare for the harvest her groom is bringing back. But let me just tell you, when he pulls up in that truck and steps out to let us unload, these two "retired" folks act like anything but! [READ MORE](#)

Expectant For More

"If you say, "The Lord is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent." – Psalm 91:9-13

"Gayle Haskins is a walking testament to this verse in Psalm 91. She calls on the Lord as her refuge, and He fiercely protects her, constantly reminding her that she is a conqueror because of her faith in Him. Gayle Haskins and her husband, Ovid, are a lovely couple that embody the love of Christ and have just moved to the Birmingham area from Connecticut. Gayle's son, Craig Haskins, is married to one of our Grace Klein Community board members, Shannon Haskins. Craig and Shannon connected Gayle and Ovid to our ministry to help serve this community.

On the Friday before our monthly food box delivery in August, Gayle and her husband gave their time to love on families in need in Birmingham. When I arrived on that Friday to help fill boxes with food I was told of a prayer-warrior woman that was upstairs in our office reading her Bible and interceding in prayer for our ministry and for God's people to be impacted by our food delivery.

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Worship on the Hill

Come encounter the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit as we seek the Father's heart for us as His sons and daughters. Let's get lost in love! Who knows what God is going to do?!

When: Monday, September 9, 2019

Time: 6:00pm onward *dinner provided

Where: The House on the Hill: 3416 Deerwood Circle, Hoover, AL 35216

"Then he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts." - Zechariah 4:6

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." – John 15:13

HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED

The House on the Hill

On August 13 we closed out our line of credit for the House on the Hill renovation and converted into a 15 year mortgage. Five years, ten years, fifteen years... and then we will have The House on the Hill mortgage paid in full. Who knows?! Maybe God will bless us with some surprise giving and it will be paid off THIS year!! We are thankful for Pinnacle Bank, Ed Davidson and Bill Black for always taking great care of us. These bankers love Jesus and that's the best part!! We are in the process of raising \$2,500 for a matching funds offer for The House on the Hill if you wish to sow into the project.

"Emerson"

We affectionately call him Emerson, but you may know him as Giorgio Fareira. Emerson means brave and powerful and he is walking in his nickname as he follows Jesus in obedience. His last day on staff with Grace Klein Community was August 19, 2019. He is a worship leader with our family at Redstone Church and he is reallocating his work time to focus on ushering the power of God into their worship. Gio is anointed by God as a worshipper and God uses him to bring others to the Father. We celebrate Emerson's new journey and thank him for the time he has served with us. He will continue to serve in a volunteer capacity so expect to see him around.

Office Flooding

August 23 was a crazy Friday. As we were closing out the day, Bethany discovered a water leak at our office from the torrential rain storm. The leak was in an odd place, coming from the front right corner of the office and flooding our basement. 3 of the construction staff stuck around until 7:30pm cleaning up water and protecting our office from damage. We never know what may happen next, but Jesus always provides a solution to our obstacles. The Spirit of God had flooded our hearts the entire day through serve teams and BAM so the literal afternoon water flood did not dampen our spirits. We were filled up in Jesus.



THANK YOU to the 83 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!

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THANK YOU to the 79 individuals and families as well as the 13 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

MEET ONE OF OUR FAITHFUL BUSINESS PARTNERS

[Rocky Heights Print & Binding](#) have been secret givers for years. They print all our monthly Food Delivery paperwork which includes letters to all our food recipients and directions to our volunteers. We also lean on them for our day-to-day needs and event promotions. If you have a [Networking for a Cause](#) flyer, they printed it! What sets them apart is timely responses, quality and turn around times. [Grace Klein Community](#) is honored to have Rocky Heights as a business partner. Short time frame for your printing needs??? Add Rocky Heights to your speed dial.

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.

