

'Tis the **SEASON** to be Thankful

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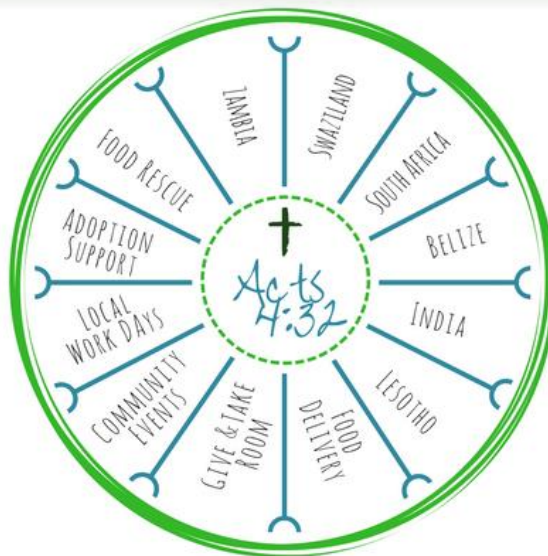
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OUR VISION

Show people they are deeply valued and that we all have something to give

Every person wants to know they are loved and that they matter. Grace Klein Community strives to live out community as a verb, providing people a forum to share what they have so everyone has what they need. Community means trusting that you belong to others as much as they belong to you, so that we care for one another as much as we care for ourselves. When we live in a way that demonstrates "my plenty meets your need so in turn, your plenty meets mine," then we have the power of Christ's love to change the world.

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Event Highlight – Giving BACK Tuesday

Let's have a PARTY!! A progressive PARTY.

When: December 3, 2019 11 AM – 2 PM

First stop: 3416 Deerwood Circle, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216 (Lunch)
Second Stop: 2652 Old Rocky Ridge Road, Hoover, AL 35216 (Coffee and Dessert)

Have you volunteered with us this year? Have you seen our truck and whispered a prayer for us? Has your business invested in us? Have you shared resources with us? Have you given money to sustain our operations? You are all invited!

We appreciate ALL of you and everything you have shared with us. 10 years of amazing. Cannot wait to see what God has in store next!!

May the love of Jesus transform your life, fill you with hope, joy and peace and fan into flame all the gifts He has given to you. When we all bring our Jesus amazing to the table, we will blow the socks off of Birmingham and infiltrate the whole world with Christ's love.

Let us know you're coming! [RSVP today!](#)

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Merrymaking on the Hill

Many love Christmas. The sights, the sounds, the smells, the overwhelming feelings in our hearts that Jesus came as a baby to conquer the grave as our King. We want every child to know the truth of Christmas, to experience the wonder and to embrace the love. On December 14, 2019, we will be having a Christmas party from 10-noon. Mrs. Claus will be here to help make and decorate cookies. [His Hands Photographs](#) will be donating their services to provide digital memories. We will have snacks, hot cocoa and story time. [That Hippie Girl](#) is decorating the house for the aesthetic appeal.

The party is open to anyone, but especially for single daddies and single mamas who want a special outing for their children. Activities will be intentional towards younger children, but all are welcome. Please invite friends and come find a few hours of calm in the hectic of our culture. The location is 3416 Deerwood Circle, Hoover, AL 35216. Can't wait to see you and share a little taste of Christmas.

“Let us come before HIM with thanksgiving and extol HIM with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.” – Psalm 95:2-3

Food Delivery – 2019 Finale

Christmas food delivery is one of our favorite days of the entire year. If you have never come for a food delivery, seriously consider joining us on December 21, 2019, at 7am at Asbury United Methodist Church located at 6690 Cahaba Valley Road, Birmingham, AL 35242. We will be adding produce, meat, bread and dessert to the boxes. PLUS the joy of Christmas gifts for the 400+ families we serve.

Shortage of December food delivery drivers! If your family is willing to deliver food boxes, email holly@gracekleincommunity.com to sign up or www.gracekleincommunity.com/donate for a quick give.

We cannot think of a greater joy than to teach a child the importance of loving our neighbors as we love ourselves. To us, the true picture of Christmas happens when we come together as followers of Jesus, to give of ourselves and minister to those in difficult circumstances. We all have great pain and sorrow and we need each other. We need a hug on a dreary day, we need a warm meal when our tummy is rumbling, we need a friend to pray for us when our flesh is weak, we need a hand-up when our finances are overwhelming, we need the truth of God’s word when we are believing lies, and we need the gift of community when we feel alone. To be the hands and feet of Jesus is our incredible privilege and delight. Come link arms with us. We need each other.



The Reindeer Dash 2019

“Ready, Set, Dash! Come out on Saturday December 21st at 7:30am for our 3rd Annual 5k and 1mile fun run at Pure Fitness in Vestavia Hills. Come dressed as your favorite holiday character and bring your family to support Grace Klein Community. This growing organization seeks to create authentic community 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.

Race packet pick up is Friday December 20th from 8am-6pm at Pure Fitness. 1425 Montgomery Hwy Ste 115 Vestavia Hills, AL. [SIGN UP](#) today!



Shop GKC

10 years of amazing!! Sounds like a good time for some new apparel. Order a shirt, hat or a mug [ONLINE](#) to support the ministry efforts of Grace Klein Community. If you wish to dodge the shipping fees, swing by on a Monday at 2pm to 3416 Deerwood Circle, Birmingham, AL 35216. If you require an alternate pickup time, please email natalie@gracekleincommunity.com

Think Christmas presents. Order gifts for your staff, best friend, sister, cousin, children. We have plenty of in stock inventory and can fill your order today.

We give a special shout out to Kim Parmley, one of our community artists, who provided the design. She’s a gift to Grace Klein Community and her image reminds us to see like Jesus sees so we will love like Jesus does. We love you Birmingham!!





Global Efforts – Sounding Adoration, Beats and Books South Africa

"As November draws to a close, there is so much to be thankful for.

We worked steadily towards our worship night - "Sounding Adoration". The kids and staff gave their all, putting in extra two-hour rehearsals immediately after our afternoon programs and on weekends. Our team had a few primary things on our hearts for the night:

- 1) To give glory to Jesus, proclaiming His love and His greatness and giving thanks to Him,
- 2) To bring people from different walks of life together in worship,
- 3) To help children develop stamina and to see them engage and lead others – all the children would be involved in leading the entire hour of music. It was amazing to see the Lord bring these visions and plans to life.

In our final week of preparation, flu and colds hit a number of our core team, but on Monday, a new team of seven girls from Adventures in Missions arrived with beautiful voices and willing hearts. [READ MORE](#)

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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.

Consistent Kindness

“Sister Lawrence and Sister Williams have been such a delight to have at Grace Klein Community. They always serve together and are the epitome of what it looks like to be sent out two by two. They are eager and willing to serve in each and every capacity. They are known by their kindness and their generous spirits. Sister Lawrence and Sister Williams have been serving at GKC for the past couple of months. Each time they walk through the door, we are so thankful to see them. We often look forward to them coming each week.

These girls typically serve on Wednesdays, which are notorious for being busy. They often help us unload our food bank orders (which is no small task) or sort through donations. We can always rely on their strength, both spiritually and physically, to help us through our day. We would not be able to move such large amounts of food or keep our spirits so high without them.

Sister Lawrence and Sister Williams have compassionate hearts. They always make sure to talk to those that come in as well as making sure to check on the staff. They offer words of encouragement regularly and always keep us laughing. We are so thankful for these girls and the joy that they bring to Grace Klein Community.” [READ MORE](#)



Always Give Extra

“Sally’s first day as a volunteer was also my first day at Grace Klein Community. We have very much been through this journey together. If you’ve had the pleasure of visiting GKC while Sally has been there, you know that she radiates joy. She cares so deeply for each and every person that walks through our doors. She wants to make sure that everyone gets the best produce and the best clothes that they can possibly find. I love that she pays such close attention to each person and what they are taking out. She loves to throw in an extra item of produce or an extra bag of bread just to make sure that everyone is going to be okay.

One of the things I love about Sally is her heart for God’s people both here and across the world. She emphasizes the call that Jesus gave us to love one another and to go and make disciples. Sally’s life is an excellent picture of what it looks like to live in obedience to that call. She is always willing to do WHATEVER needs to be done. No questions asked. I am incredibly thankful for her willingness and humble spirit.” – [READ MORE](#)

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, December 2, 2019

Time: 6:00pm onward *dinner provided

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

"Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all." - 1 Chronicles 29:11



"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that openly profess HIS name." – Hebrews 13:15

HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED

Single Mama Gives Back

A precious single mama donated a vehicle this month to bless the next person. We anticipate her give will empower a single dad in Birmingham. As an organization, we receive the vehicle, obtain title into GKC's name from the DMV, which takes approximately 30 days, and then we are authorized to gift the vehicle. Giving a vehicle to GKC is an amazing way to invest in a family's future as transport is often vital to survival, providing a way to employment, school and food.

Fuel the Church

On November 8th, we were able to fuel 30+ business leaders at The House on the Hill with lunch provided by Chicken Salad Chick. Business leaders were given time to share what they do and to build new purposeful relationships. We talk about the change we want to see in Birmingham; topics of unity, combating poverty, and replacing hate with love, but we cannot sit in meetings talking. We must take action. Love does. When we fuel Christian business leaders, we fuel the church. When we fuel the church, we fan a flame that cannot be extinguished.

Fill the Shelves

Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we don't see. Faith has proven itself over and over to us in many ways, our food shelves being a prime example. For 10 years, God keeps filling those shelves. This month, we specifically thank our friends from Redstone Church, Redemptive Cycles and Mighty Oaks Co-op, for hosting non-perishable food drives, in heaping generosity, to fill the shelves.



THANK YOU to the 82 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!

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THANK YOU to the 75 individuals and families as well as the 16 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

MEET ONE OF OUR FAITHFUL BUSINESS PARTNERS

"The heart of Just Call Kelly Realtors is to encourage people to trust Jesus and stand beside them as they take their next best step whether in the purchase of a new home or in their journey of personal healing and redemption.

Partnering with Grace Klein Community is a simple way to shine light on those next steps as we work together to meet urgent need in Birmingham, love on all people, meet immediate needs of single parents and share the love of Christ. We are united as the body of Christ and we serve together as family by sharing what we ourselves have received through a personal relationship with Jesus."

Come walk with us! – [Kelly Williams, Just Call Kelly Team](#)

