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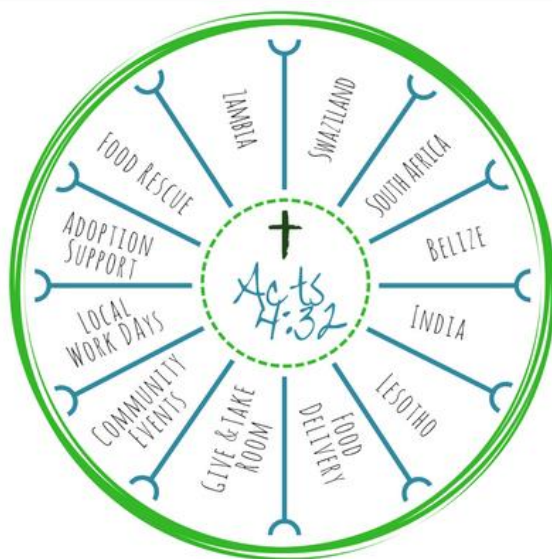
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OUR PURPOSE

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





Monthly Food Delivery – 10 Year Anniversary

10 YEARS. September marks 10 years of monthly food delivery!!! Not a month has been missed and [Asbury United Methodist Church](#) has shared their facility with us since day one at NO COST to GKC. Asbury UMC has also blessed us generously with financial support EVERY year to keep us going!!! Their 2019 gift commitment is \$20,000. All glory to Jesus!

We have a million people who deserve our gratitude over the last 10 years, but today our hosting church partner Asbury UMC is at the top of our list!!! May God bless the people of Asbury UMC with even more sweet intimacy with Jesus, an insatiable hunger for God’s word, a complete resting in His faithfulness, the crazy faith that moves mountains, a blanket of peace that engulfs every little anxiety, and a lifestyle of worship to the One who gave it all. Hear all the goodness of Jesus over their heads. Come stand under their awning if you want to stand on HOLY GROUND!!!! The presence of Jesus is in this place.

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him...” – 1 Peter 2:9

Local Efforts

Holly Hurt – Food Distribution Coordinator

“I first became involved with Grace Klein Community in the late summer of 2017. Jason Waltman asked my husband, Colin, who works for Grace Klein Construction, if I would be interested in helping his wife, Jenny Waltman, with an upcoming event. When Colin asked me I was excited to find out about the “No More Safety Pins” event! I arrived at Liberty Church where the event was being held and could immediately see that this was going to be a BIG to-do for mothers in our area. Upon meeting Jenny, she embraced me with a huge, loving, and welcoming hug and gave me a brief description of all the wonderful things they were trying to organize and prepare for families. As we walked and talked she gave me a little encouragement and threw me right in. I learned over the next several days that this BIG event was only a teeny tiny portion of how Grace Klein loves on the people of Birmingham, and around the world.

Jenny and a few volunteers shared with me about other incredible ways I could be involved to help Grace Klein Community engage Birmingham and share the love of Christ. I was invited to come to the Grace Klein Office to check out how amazing God is by seeing first hand how He provides everything we need to love and support our neighbors. Jenny was super encouraging and full of examples of ways to build a relationship with God and with our community from the very start. I specifically remember her telling me “Pray for tomatoes and they will show up at the office and if not whatever else you are in need of will. We just have to trust God, and pray hard....” and that was followed by a really good Jesus story. [READ MORE](#)



Lauren Stearns, Samford Intern

“The Lord works in mysterious ways. He leads and guides us in directions that we would have never seen coming. He challenges us in ways that draw us nearer to Him. Looking back on how I ended up here at Grace Klein Community, it is humbling to see each little piece of the puzzle that has been put into place. Growing up just outside of Birmingham to a strong Christian family, I was not exposed to many hard things in life. I was seemingly unaware of the great need that existed in my community and the needs that existed just 30 minutes away in Birmingham. I volunteered with different organizations for a time, but nothing ever really clicked.

When I was in middle school, we ran into some pretty difficult circumstances that affected our family unit in more ways than one. It was during this time that I really wondered why bad things happened, why I felt like I couldn’t trust anyone. This time of searching and longing led me to the Lord in a way that I had never experienced before. It was then that I learned that the Lord is always faithful. That He is the One who can always be trusted. His plans are ultimately for our good and His glory, even if it doesn’t seem that way at the time.

As I finished out my high school years, I began to become more involved in the church. I couldn’t stay away. I was finding every opportunity I could to serve because that is what God calls us to do- to give out of the abundance of love we have been given by Him in the sacrifice of his Son on the cross. Throughout that time, I felt a strong desire to be involved in international missions. This call led me to Samford University. [READ MORE](#)

Grace Klein Community Loves Community Events!

On Saturday, September 14th, Rocky Ridge Cumberland Presbyterian Church hosted a Regional Women's Conference entitled "Walking in Love." The day was complete with a luncheon, a speaker, door prizes and a service project that attendees could participate in while onsite. Grace Klein Community was honored to be asked to provide the activity and was allowed time to speak and share our mission with the ladies. Rachael Cannon and Tracie Mark represented Grace Klein Community and led the women in creating beautiful individual fabric patches that the women each personalized, to be hand-sewn on our burlap curtains in our food pantry.

On Tuesday, September 24th, Trace Crossings Elementary hosted a Parent's Night Out for the families in their English Learners Program. Their aim was to connect families in Hoover with services available in the community such as education, health care, student activities and other resources. Grace Klein Community was honored to be included in the list of participating vendors. [READ MORE](#)



"Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." – Psalm 23:6

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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.



Born Leader

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." – Colossians 3:17

"If there ever was someone that did everything at 100 percent, 100 percent of the time, even when no one was looking... it is Lakeisha Greene. Honestly, if it were possible, I think "Keisha" as we lovingly call her, does even more when no one is looking! I cannot tell you how many times I have stopped in the middle of a project to walk upstairs to look for something or gone outside to make a call and come back only to find my work completed! I have even had work set aside for special serve team projects and Keisha just happened to see the work needing to get done and completed it before the serve team ever arrived!

Keisha is one of those volunteers that can genuinely be confused as staff because she's a mainstay around here and she is always working! I have never once had to find her something to do or even give her suggestions because she has this amazing ability to just look for things that need to be done and then do them. She is a natural born leader, motivator and absolute risk taker who we honestly do not know how we could ever do without. Keisha, thank you for your excellence and for setting the bar so high that we have to check ourselves when you're here! We love you and appreciate all you do!" – Tracie Mark, Serve Team Coordinator

Be A Champion

"Once You spoke in a vision to Your devoted ones and said, I have endowed one who is mighty [a hero, giving him the power to help — "to be a CHAMPION for Israel]; I have exalted one chosen from among the people." – Psalm 89:19

"The day I met Ovid Haskins I heard the word "champion." His demeanor and his energy told me that shoe certainly fit. His work ethic and strength is way beyond what I would expect for someone his age and his integrity outshines even that. Then I met Gayle Haskins... and I heard "champion" again. Hmm, I thought, both of them? Absolutely, without a shadow of a doubt. Gayle is quiet, humble, respectful and although she is a woman of very few words in the natural, she ROARS in the Spirit! Then it made sense. I believe it says in Genesis 2:24, and I am paraphrasing, "the two shall become one flesh." They may work and do things differently, but they are one in every other way that counts." [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, September, 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

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us" – Ephesians 3:20

HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED

Immigration Approval

We have an APPROVAL!! [Grace Klein Community](#)'s petition is approved and [Natalie Spronk](#) can apply for her permanent residence. Natalie serves as a Ministry Advocate with Grace Klein Community. She is currently working under an R1 Visa and we are delighted we have been approved for her to continue to the next step of the process. God called her to America in 2014 from South Africa and we are blessed to have her on our team as an advocate for Kwathu Children's Home and Grace Klein Community as a whole.

Car Donation

Thank you to sweet and cheerful givers, Nicholas and [Lisa Guarino Realtor with ERA King](#) for donating a vehicle to [Grace Klein Community](#) this month! We have received 4 vehicle donations this year and a 5th is on the way. The Birmingham community lives open-handed to the needs of others.

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." - 2 Corinthians 9:8

Publix and Walmart Grant

Thank you to Publix Charities for your generous gift of \$2,500 to Grace Klein Community benefiting Birmingham individuals and families impacted through our monthly Food Delivery Ministry!

Also, thank you to [Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market Vestavia Hills](#) for your generous gift of \$500 towards our continued food outreach to Birmingham, AL.



THANK YOU to the 75 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



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THANK YOU to the 62 individuals and families as well as the 14 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

MEET ONE OF OUR FAITHFUL BUSINESS PARTNERS

"God birthed the non-profit, Grace Klein Community, from a construction company where many customers and friends believed in loving others above themselves. When we work for God, we cannot imagine what He will do. He is in the business of doing more than we can hope for or imagine.

We partner with Grace Klein Community because we believe that community is a verb, not a noun. Our desire is to see the Kingdom of God grow. We have counted the cost and choose to take the risk to love as Jesus loves and to lay down our lives for our friends as Jesus did for us.

We value the support of community through the good days and the hard ones and we hope to offer that same support to others." www.gracekleinconstruction.com

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