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Grace Klein Community Newsletter

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04/21/2017: Help Move Food Boxes 04/22/2017: Monthly Food Delivery 04/25/2017: Family Fun Night 05/06/2017: Bambelela Drum Circle



GRACE KLEIN

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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UPCOMING EVENT HIGHLIGHT – FAMILY FUN NIGHT

On April 25, 2017, the awesome folks at Mugshots Grill and Bar, Inverness Plaza, will be donating 10% of all sales accumulated between 5 and 9 PM, towards the outreach efforts of Grace Klein Community.

Current research shows that the average American enjoys at least 4.2 meals at restaurants every week. The reasons vary from work meetings, convenience, no time to cook, social gatherings, or preference. Noticing that many of us are at restaurants any way, we began intentional Family Fun Nights for friends of Grace Klein Community to have a space to enjoy one another while supporting our outreach efforts.

Family Fun Nights are intentional for the "let's get together sometime," that never happened because we get busy in our days, that turn into weeks and months. What about the need for time with community, time to laugh and talk about what's on your heart? Maybe it's for your small group social or to introduce people who are interested in being a part of Grace Klein Community. For the night you can look forward to... just because you love a night out.

Physical Address: 110 Inverness Plaza, Birmingham, AL 35242

Time: 5 til 9 PM





READ MORE and let us know you're coming!



BAMBELEA DRUM CIRCLE

Come have fun while learning how to play a variety of drums and other percussion instruments regardless of your musical ability. ALL are welcome! There'll be FREE face painting and tons of door prizes! Dinner and refreshments will also be available for purchase. * If you have your own drum or percussion instrument, bring it along!

Date: May 6, 2017 **Time:** 5pm – 8pm

Location: Brook Hills, Student Building, 3145 Brook Highland Pkwy, Bham, AL 35242

General Admission: \$5 (Includes entry and participation in drum circle)

All proceeds benefit Kwathu Children's Home, a global partner ministry of Grace Klein Community. READ MORE and let us know you're coming!

"For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building." – 1 Corinthians 3:9

LOCAL EFFORTS Shelby Crossings Christian School - Food Drive

For the month of February 2017, <u>Shelby Crossing Christian School</u> (SCCS) hosted a food drive in support of our food delivery ministry. We are so thankful for their willingness to serve, their enthusiasm to include their families, friends and surrounding communities, as well as their pure hearts of compassion to love those in need. One of the students asked her friends to contribute items toward the food ministry instead of gifts for her recent birthday party. What a precious soul!

Have you been thinking about ways that you could get involved in the community of Birmingham? Or ways to engage your child's club/sports team in a service project? You can host a food drive in your neighborhood too! Email us with a date/month for your planned food drive and we can supply you with a sample flyer that can be edited and distributed throughout your neighborhood. If you have other creative ways of collecting various food items to support the monthly food delivery ministry, be sure to let us know. Email natalie@gracekleincommunity.com

Thank you <u>Shelby Crossing Christian School</u> for supporting our monthly food delivery ministry, and for setting such a great example for us in ways that we too can get involved in our community.



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GLOBAL EFFORTS

Belize – Showing the Love of Christ to a Village in the Jungle

A small team is headed to Belize in May to help set up a computer lab in the small, remote village of Bomba. Bomba has a population of around 70 people and they depend mostly on tourism for their income. Tourists who visit the coast can take boat trips up the river into Bomba where the villagers have shops set up to sell beautiful handmade artwork.

The people of Bomba have only had power in their village for a little more than a year, so they have had little or no opportunities to learn to use computers. Bomba does not have a school, so kids who want to go to school have to ride their bikes for several miles on dirt roads that often flood. Many of their peers who live close to the school can go to the school computer lab after hours if they need extra help, but the kids of Bomba do not have that chance. This new computer lab will open many doors for better education and access to the outside world.

READ MORE about ways you can get involved.

Around the World and Back

During the course of our journey we received an invitation to visit Birmingham, Alabama and to meet the numerous precious saints that make up "Grace Klein Community." Oh my goodness, what a joy we received and what a blessing supernal. Grace Klein is an awesome testimony of what God can do when folks choose to empty themselves and see others who are needy, see their plight, and consider it as the most important need of the hour.

It's wonderful and marvelous to see how God enables those who are willing to sacrifice time or effort or money or whatever. And the prayers of so many are being answered in such a profound way, only God Himself knows how many souls will be reached and saved through these unique "fisher's of men" and women and children. 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.



Availability

When any great endeavor begins, someone has to show up. When Grace Klein Community began, a lot of amazing people showed up. One of those precious people was Elaine Spivak. Elaine has delivered a food route for years, building intentional relationships with families. Her sister has served with her as well as all her kids. She pulls up to Asbury UMC, grabs her boxes, prays with people and heads out. Repeat that again and again for approximately 96 months.

Commitment. Elaine's life shows commitment and that attribute is valuable in the building and maintaining of meaningful relationships. We can have such good intentions, but if our follow through is sketch, our relationships are impacted. Trust grows when we demonstrate commitment. Showing up says love. READ MORE

Inheritance

Consider Amy Cotton, one our community members who is not growing weary in doing good. She is constantly serving and loving the saints (the people of God) whether anyone notices or everyone does.

Every day she is homeschooling her girls, serving them, investing in them and putting aside what she may want for what her girls need. As a mom, Amy knows her investment is more than buying them cute clothing or entertaining them. She is building an inheritance, more than money stored up in a bank account. She's showing them how to have joy in adversity, to serve their dad and one another, to serve their community, and even to hop on a plane and go serve the world. READ MORE



Please Come

A phone call changes everything. You put your life on hold and temporarily move to another city ten hours away, trusting God for what is around the bend and hoping that you will somehow meet some Jesus family, fit in and be encouraged. You visit a local church and ask for a small group. You don't ever actually visit that group, until months later, but through that one email you come across Grace Klein Community. An abbreviated version of a very amazing story. The garage door must have been open because in walked Mary Grace. Many will share of their first encounters with our new sister and her infamous question, "how did you get here?" READ MORE

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"But whoever is united with the Lord is one with Him in spirit." - 1 Corinthians 6:17

HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED

Briarwood Serve Day

On March 14, 2017, students of Briarwood Christian School served at various Grace Klein Community assigned sites around Birmingham.

We are so thankful for these students who work so hard, diligently, and without hesitation to love on folks. Students using their gifts, skills and passions to serve a community that strives to do the same... what a blessing!

Asbury University Tumbling Team

March 11 – 15, 2017, in partnership with Grace Klein Community, the Asbury University Tumbling Team, an acrobatic group, traveled to Birmingham, AL to perform free shows. Their desire is to impact younger students by setting an example of how hard work, a strong education, a healthy lifestyle and a good attitude can change the world for Christ.

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Networking for a Cause

On March 28, 2017 Grace Klein Community held our quarterly "Networking for a Cause" event at Vecchia Pizzeria and Mercato.

Networking for a Cause was created to help build community among local business professionals and provide information and opportunity to become involved with Grace Klein Community. An average of 150 business professionals attend our networking events each quarter.



THANK YOU to the 66 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



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THANK YOU to the 121 individuals and families as well as the 16 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS

"Giving back to our community has been a large part of our success at <u>The Garage</u>. We are a small family run business so every dollar counts. When selecting charities to support, we have three qualifications: Local and active in our community, Christian based/Gospel driven and a current client with an established relationship. GKC easily meets these three criteria.

We have a plethora of customers who volunteer with GKC and are proud of the name/reputation that GKC has in our local community. The bottom line, we want our charities to match up/be in line with our beliefs whenever possible and we feel that GKC does a fantastic job aligning to our values. Whenever a customer asks what is GKC...my typical response is "GKC is where the rubber meets the road." So thanks for what you guys are doing to live out the gospel via meeting practical needs of those in Birmingham."

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