

This is my **command** -
be **strong** and courageous! Do not be
afraid or discouraged. For the **Lord** your
God is with you wherever **you** go.

Joshua 1:9

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Grace Klein Community Newsletter

April 2017



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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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UPCOMING EVENT HIGHLIGHT – Bambelela Drum Circle

On May 6, 2017, Grace Klein Community will be hosting their 3rd community 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! Get your FREE T-Shirt, cup and a sweet treat at registration (while stocks last) and, don't forget the FREE face painting!

General Admission: \$5 (Includes entry and participation in drum circle) Get your tickets early through [Eventbrite](#), or at the door.

Date: May 6, 2017

Time: 5pm – 8pm

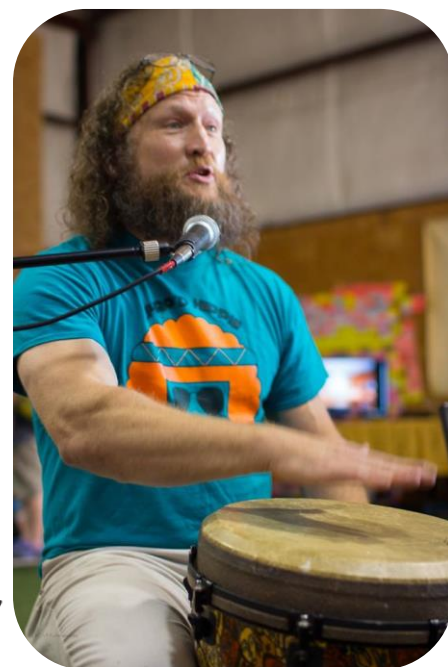
Location: [The Church at Brook Hills](#) - Student Building, 3145 Brook Highland Pkwy, Bham, AL 35242

Dinner and refreshments will also be available for purchase.

All proceeds benefit [Kwathu Children's Home](#), a global partner organization of Grace Klein Community.

[READ MORE](#) and let us know you're coming!

RSVP Today!

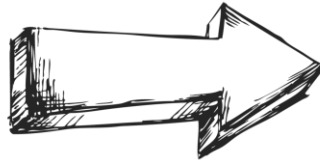




Camping Week 2017

Camping week will be here before you know it! [REGISTER](#) your family now to join us for a meal, a night or multiple nights!

Camping week will start Friday, May 26, 2017, and end Sunday, June 4, 2017, at [Oak Mountain State Park](#).



REGISTER NOW!

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." – Galatians 6:9

LOCAL EFFORTS

Host a Food Drive

Have you ever been in the position where you so desire pancakes but can't afford the mix or the syrup? Have you ever thought *"donuts would be a nice treat today,"* and they appeared at your front door? Have you been close to running out of laundry detergent, trying to stretch every last drop until you had enough spare change to purchase some... and then God provides unexpectedly? All these scenarios happened to one of our food recipients *and* through the efforts of community, God provides for hundreds of similar stories in the lives of other precious families - BECAUSE OF YOUR EFFORTS!

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! [READ MORE](#) about how to get involved!



Surprise!

Who doesn't love a big juicy burger after a long day of work? Well, except you vegetarians, but they have veggie burgers too! We always love when [Mugshots](#), [Inverness Corners](#) gives back to us for our [Family Fun Nights](#) where we eat dinner with a restaurant full of old and new friends. Mugshots contributed \$200 towards the local ministry efforts of Grace Klein Community.

Who knew [Interlinc Mortgage](#) would surprise us with a packed house and a \$7,000 check to help us feed 230 families for one month!!! [Scott Elliott](#) was surprised when they pulled out a life size check and made a presentation in front of the entire restaurant.

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GLOBAL EFFORTS

World Wide Friends – Real Hope for Haiti

[Real Hope for Haiti](#) focuses on health, community and faith. Many ways that Grace Klein Community works to build community and faith in Birmingham is similar to how they are building faith and community in Haiti.

At the beginning of last summer, our friend Deanna Newman came to our [Monday Night Prayer Gathering](#) to share about God's work in Haiti. She mentioned the need for summer clothing and shoes for a shipping container that was headed to Haiti.

Did you hear what was headed to Haiti from the Grace Klein Community office?!! 75 bags of adult clothing, 27 bags of kid clothing, 10 bags of adult shoes 2 bags kid shoes, AND more love and prayers than can be calculated.

The clothes were distributed to families who participate in Real Hope for Haiti's food box program which supports children recovering from malnutrition and assists other families in need. [READ MORE](#)





VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - Tarrant Elementary School Field Day

Grace Klein Community is calling out for all volunteers available to serve at the Tarrant Elementary School Field Day on May 19, 2017, alongside Coach Julie Levan. 5 – 10 volunteers are needed for the event, and well-mannered homeschool children may also volunteer their time with their parents. This is a great opportunity for homeschool families to serve together.

Date: May 19, 2017

Time: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

All volunteers are required to be at the school by 7:45 AM.

Lunch will be provided.

Sign up to volunteer by emailing amaris@gracekleincommunity.com

Jesus looked at them and said: "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." – Mark 10:27

Jesus looked at them and said: "With man it is impossible, **BETTER TOGETHER**, For all things are possible with God." – Mark 10:27

"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.

Areas of Interest

"Areas of Interest." That is a section on our Volunteer Information and Release form. Some people enjoy sorting food downstairs. Some prefer to be outside, getting dirty in the chicken coop or hauling compost. Others may like the quiet in the [Give and Take Room](#) as they sort through clothing donations. We have a handful of volunteers however, who show up, take a look around and tackle whatever needs to be done. Vicky is one of those volunteers.

Vicky sorts the food and the clothing, hauls compost, builds [food delivery](#) boxes, fills the boxes, organizes the food delivery shelves, cleans the bathroom, washes the donut bins, sweeps the entire office, upstairs and down, and mops it. She feeds the chickens, breaks down cardboard boxes, cleans the kitchen, does whatever dishes we leave in the sink, helps us carry heavy boxes, move food around to make room for more, and whatever else she sees that needs to be done.

Vicky shows up several times a week and has told me to text her whenever I need help. She isn't picky and always smiles. Sometimes you don't even know she's here because she takes the initiative so quietly.

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Creative Craftsman

Who can fit a deep freezer into the back of a mini van? Or make coasters out of coffee sacks? Celebrate a community wedding for someone you have never met before? Or invite almost strangers to come crash with his family at the beach? Who makes therapy equipment to stretch resources or hauls cases of pears to another state to help preserve? What about someone who rescues desserts for food boxes when the company manufacturing them is about to toss them? Or calls to check on you and see how you are doing – never mind his son is fighting brain cancer?

Terry Moon is a [Creative Craftsman](#), not only in occupation, making all things leather, which btw you can support from our [BeMoreRandom](#) store, but in his ability to love people. [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](#)



"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." – 1 Corinthians 16:13

HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED

Samford Serve

From daily food rescue, to the [Give and Take Room](#), feeding the [chickens](#) and watering the [garden](#), to Networking Events and [Family Fun Nights](#), there's often not much breathing room for office staff and our regular volunteers. When a church, business, school or sports team offer to give of their time to serve, we say: "Yes and Amen!"

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Westminster Serve Day

As GKC serves in various areas, both locally and around the world, there's always an overflow of work to be done. Students from Westminster School graciously gave of their time, efforts and talents to serve with us at three serve site locations on April 7, 2017. We're so thankful to Westminster and Grace Klein Community volunteers who assisted with the serve day.

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Brook Hills Gift that Keeps on Giving

On April 24, 2017, [The Church at Brook Hills](#) surprised Grace Klein Community with the gift of various drums and other instruments that they no longer needed. Each year, Grace Klein Community hosts a [Bambelela Drum Circle](#) in support of Global Partner, [Kwathu Children's Home](#). Funny how the drums arrived 2 weeks before our next event, and we "just so happened" to have a need for additional drums this year!



THANK YOU to the 35 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



thank you



THANK YOU to the 79 individuals and families as well as the 18 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS

"Corporate social responsibility is the right thing to do on many levels. All contributions matters, whether giving time, money or manpower. We believe our community commitment makes our employees, parents and students feel proud to be associated with [Rocky Ridge Learning Center](#)."

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.

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

