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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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Saved by Grace



- [7/1/2016: Helena First Friday](#)
- [7/12/2016: Family Fun Night](#)
- [7/22/2016: Help Move Food Boxes](#)
- [7/23/2016: Monthly Food Delivery](#)
- [7/26/2016: July Summer Serve](#)

UPCOMING EVENT HIGHLIGHT

Family Fun Night - Pie Five Pizza, Chace Lake

On Tuesday, July 12, 2016, the awesome folks at Pie Five Pizza Co. will be donating \$2 for every pizza and drink sold from 5 til 9 PM, towards the local and global ministry efforts of Grace Klein Community. If you're planning a family night out, invite your friends, bring your favorite board games, and be sure to make Pie Five Pizza your restaurant of choice.

Location: [4741 Chace Circle, Suite 114, Hoover, AL 35244](#)

Time: 5 til 9 PM

Don't forget to mention Grace Klein Community when ordering!



Meet One of Our Newest Board Members



Jared Thornton loves the Lord and helping people. He has served in various capacities with Grace Klein Community since its inception. Jared's heart is also soft to the people of Ecuador and travels there from time to time. Jared has been married to Sheryl for 19 years and they have four daughters, Chloe 14, Presley 12, Scout 10, and Emerson 6. They have attended BrookHills for the last 17 years. Jared attended UAB from 1988-1991. While in undergrad, he became a partner in a printing company and later started what is now PrintSmart in 1999. Over the years, he has started or obtained several other businesses, in addition to PrintSmart, demonstrating his entrepreneurial spirit.

We are excited to have Jared share his gifts and abilities, in a more formal capacity, with Grace Klein Community through oversight, leadership and prayer support. If you have not met Jared, get to know him. He's an implementer and encourager who is living full throttle for Jesus.

"May the glory of the Lord continue forever! The Lord takes pleasure in all he has made!" - Psalm 104:31

LOCAL EFFORTS

Huie Law Serve Day

On Friday, June 3rd, a group of volunteers from [Huie Law](#) spent the afternoon serving at the Grace Klein Community office. Prior to the scheduled service day, they spent several weeks collecting non-perishable food items, toiletries, and paper products in order to assist the over 200 families that Grace Klein Community provides a food box to every month. The staff was split into two teams and were extremely competitive in filling the large donation boxes. By the time the collection ended, it took a trailer to haul the two large boxes back to the Grace Klein Community offices. [READ MORE](#)



Interline Family Foundation

In May of 2016, the [Interline Family Foundation](#) donated \$7,000.00 to Grace Klein Community. The contribution was given to sponsor food boxes delivered to over 200 families in the month of May. Along with this donation, several Interline Mortgage employees are now volunteering with Grace Klein Community on a regular basis. We appreciate and are encouraged by the financial and volunteer support from the local Interline Mortgage office, the Interline Family Foundation, and their joint commitment to partner with us in making a difference in our local community and the world at large.

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GLOBAL EFFORTS

Our Firm Baby Steps - Beats and Books, South Africa

On June 16, 2016 we celebrated South African Youth Day, commemorating the struggles and triumphs young people of [South Africa](#) experienced. Watch the video of the Beats and Books kids performing by clicking [HERE](#).

I, Cornelius, was reminded of some struggles, small to the Lord, yet "had" the potential to discourage us from the work God has called us to do. Where there are victories to be shared, who wants to dwell on the opposing force? We have so much to be thankful for. We prayed and longed for local involvement. Here are some of our victories...

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An India Trek – September 2016

We haven't seen our friends in India since 2013 and the time has come to visit them again. Our desire is to share Jesus with the people of Southern India. Grace Klein Community will be sending a small team in September 2016.

Since our last trip, our partnership has expanded. God has used us to help supply drinking water to the Grace City Campus, which is growing in its capacity to host groups. We have also maintained emotional, spiritual, and prayer support with our brothers and sisters in southern India. [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

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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.



Cuddle Bug

Meet one of our community “cuddle bugs,” Sophia Varvoutis. She’s a new follower of Jesus, prancing around in her dress, matching earrings and fancy shoes. She knows she’s beautiful, but now she’s learning how to be Jesus beautiful. She will plop herself in one of the single lady’s laps and hug them tight, holding on to their every word, without realizing she’s showing them great affection and pure love. She’s a listener, asking them questions and expecting answers. Her smile is just so as she treasures the people she loves.

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Learning Simplicity

Erin shows us that maybe the greatest treasure Jesus can give is to turn our lives upside down, to teach us to live in ways we never thought we would live, to try new foods and be content with the simple things. She is growing and headed into seventh grade next year. She’s embracing more change as they begin homeschooling. She’s not afraid. She’s excited. She sees what is good.

Erin Elliott is making us better. As she blossoms in her walk with Jesus, we want to know Him more too! She makes us better together as she continues to trust God for her “new normal” and be content with the life Jesus has given her.

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No Excuses

She’s not perfect, but here she is in her early twenties praying for people who don’t know Jesus, playing board games with community kids to remind them of their value, and being intentional to give up extra sleep or “free time” to be involved in the needs around her.

Watching Ashleigh’s life, we learn that we do not have to wait until the perfect time to serve, until we have extra time, extra money, or any worldly possessions. Our life is an offering and we can lay it down and serve, as worship to Jesus, in any moment. Whether we are pouring a glass a milk for a friend, texting a prayer to someone hurting, cutting veggies to preserve what’s close to expiration, or returning books to the library, our doing is a demonstration of love. [READ MORE](#)



Camping Week Reflections

"The anticipation pulsed my insides like a shaken up Coke. Literally years I have waited to join in on the Annual Memorial Day Camping Weekend. This annual camping trip that stirs the heart and spirit and life of a person like no box of programs ever could. It's different. And that's good. Usually I'd been working or out of the country. I even remember getting pictures of last year's trip while I was in Uganda. The stories of what can happen during that weekend were built up inside of me that I came this year with every expectation of God to show up, while simultaneously having no agenda at all."

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"Yes, the Lord has done amazing things for us! What Joy! – Psalm 126:3

HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED IN JUNE

Zambia, Kwathu Children's Home June 2016

"When I reflect on the ten days I spent serving at Kwathu Children's Home, it always reminds me of Mark 10: 13- 16, and how Jesus is still actively doing what He said He would do. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit to His people, His body, He is still taking children in need into His arms and blessing them."

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Ride for Hope June 2016

The 2016 Ride for Hope was held on June 18. Funds were raised for an upcoming Swaziland trip and to benefit local ministry as well, but more than that, we saw God honored in many ways. Riders had a blast, the rain held and they revved those engines. Their faces had smiles and they enjoyed their bikes with gusto.

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"I love having the privilege of partnering with Grace Klein Community because we share the same vision when it comes to our businesses. While our "day-jobs" are not why we exist nor who we are as people, they are catalysts and ways we find opportunities to minister. They give us opportunities to serve those around us and to bring glory to our Father, who is so good. I greatly appreciate the opportunities they provide for going out of our comfort zone to be Christ's hands and feet both locally and abroad." – George Lawton

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