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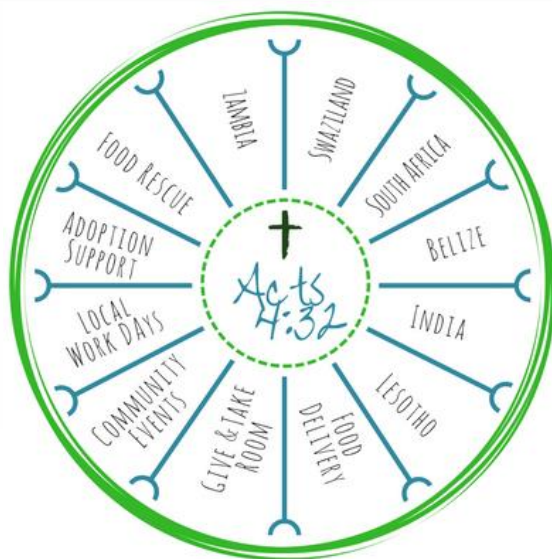


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**Event Highlight – No More Safety Pins**

Grace Klein Community wants to care for the frazzled mama who doesn't have time or resources for another season. Clothing children for fall/winter does not have to be a stressor or a budget breaker.

Shopping scenario: "Frazzled mama has no time for hangers, tags and safety pins. She participates in "No More Safety Pins" by bringing 50 excellent quality items and paying \$25 on a "drop off date." She trades in the 50 items to receive 50 new items on the shopping weekend. If she wants 20 more items, she pays in another \$25. Frazzled mama's friend comes with her without trading any items, so she pays \$25 for every 20 items she selects."

Trade Times:

- August 2, 2019: 10am – 3pm (Early Shoppers Only)
- August 2, 2019: 5pm – 9pm
- August 3, 2019: 8am – 4pm

[SIGN UP](#) for a volunteer shift (minimum of 4 hours,) and be allowed to shop early on Friday night, August 2, 2019 between 10am – 3pm.

Let us know you're coming! [READ MORE](#) & [RSVP TODAY!](#)



**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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## Monthly Food Delivery

We would love to have you and your family serve alongside us to care for these families and share the HOPE of Christ through our simple acts of kindness.

Our monthly food delivery ministry is a great way to get involved in the community of Birmingham, Alabama. Volunteers go out, once a month, all over Birmingham to deliver food boxes to love on families. But, it's about so much more than food... we seek to build relationships with people and walk through hard times with them. We wholeheartedly believe that meaningful, long-term relationships are a key factor in alleviating poverty.

Grace Klein Community currently serves over 360 families in the Birmingham area with a box of food on a monthly basis. Email [serve@gracekleincommunity.com](mailto:serve@gracekleincommunity.com) to commit to deliver a route or to join in on the food distribution fun (like these girlies on the left!)

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed to us." – Romans 8:18

## Local Efforts

### Journey to the "Full Moon"

"Thank you to everyone who has continued to pray for Evan and follow his story. He is doing well and has completed his two year follow up tests. It has been three years since his diagnosis and surgery.

THREE YEARS. Can y'all believe that?!!!

It has been two years since the completion of radiation and chemotherapy. His MRI results are "stable" and his medicines are a routine now. Praise the Lord! We are so grateful and blessed for all the prayers and support that have helped our family survive and have helped Evan continue physical therapy. His walk has improved and his therapy is concentrating on his left arm and hand. He is working to gain control of the left arm movement. His new physical therapist understands that Evan wants to continue to rehabilitate the left arm rather than learn to live without it. Hopefully the hand and fingers will begin to respond. It has been amazing to see him improve to walking with a walking stick and speaking with an increased vocabulary." – [READ MORE](#)



## What Are You Stashing?

"Some precious older ladies, from a partner church ministry, have been producing a bunch of grocery sack sleeping mats for street friends. When they finish another mat, another mat shows up at our house.

Time kept going fast and the mats kept multiplying because we were never "making" time to go visit street friends. Plus, I kept believing – these mats are too big and bulky and won't be what our street friends need. So, like a moron, I let those mats sit on our back porch instead of being rolled out as a bed for someone in our city. What's wrong with me?!" – [READ MORE](#)

## Page Likes = Food for Families

Debra Cinquemani of Thrivent Financial wanted to grow her page likes so she decided to give Grace Klein Community a non-perishable food item for every new like. Before her little give, she had 67 likes. After her "likes challenge" she gave over 270 food donations, one for every new like, and her friend matched that give too!! Then Vintage Comfort Food Co. followed Deb's example, offering up the same page likes and giving commitment, proving again that generosity inspires generosity.

We appreciate everyone – the ones who hit the like button; the ones who gave canned food, the ones who stocked the shelves and the ones who will give the food away.

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## Global Efforts

### The Most Romantic Dance

God gave us 12 hours to host our dear missionary partner and sister in Jesus, Caitlin Woodward, in country from Senegal. We had Sunday church with homemade scones, fruit and bacon, a walk to the park, pizza and chill by the pool, snickerdoodles dipped in coffee, and a prayer finale.

From Paraguay to Ukraine, Swaziland to Senegal, and South Africa to the USA, we know no borders in the family of God.

Caitlin's words perfectly articulate the beauty of how we live as Jesus family...

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## BETTER TOGETHER

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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.



### Our Steady

**“My loving kindness and my fortress, My stronghold and my deliverer, My shield and He in whom I take refuge, Who subdues my people under me.” Psalm 144:2**

“A Fortress: “A secured and strong place.” When you meet our newest intern, Steeley Martin, you will see how well her name fits! Her name, Steeley, means “something made of steel, hard, safe or secure.” And boy is she! Steeley came on board a few months ago and instantly showed herself strong and committed not only to her word, but to whatever we needed her to do... it simply got done.

Steeley is in her last year at UAB majoring in Engineering and is also in Seminary. She is as passionate, yet as solid as they come. Steeley not only interns with Grace Klein Community, she also finds time to work part time for Grace Klein Construction. Talk about being well rounded!

Several weeks ago, many of you might remember that GKC had our annual camping week at Oak Mountain State Park. What you might not know is that most families have several children, in varying ages, that stay the entire week and need something to do during the daytime when some of their parents go back to work. Steeley not only jumped in as the resident “Youth Pastor,” but she had those kids laughing, listening and learning by her leadership example all week long. [READ MORE](#)

### What a Juniper!

**“Instead of the thorn bush, [the] juniper shall go up; instead of the brier, [the] myrtle shall go up, and it shall serve as a memorial to Yahweh, for an everlasting sign [that] shall not be cut off.” – Isaiah 55:13**

“Meet our newest intern, Ellie Williams, from Union City, Tennessee. From the moment I first met her I thought she was so quiet and so sweet, I almost wondered how she would weather the daily dose of beautiful chaos we experience here at Grace Klein... until I watched her in action. Ellie doesn’t react to the chaos; she actually has a way of calming it. Honestly, it’s the reason that I chose this particular verse to describe her. She brings with her rest. Peace. That calming presence that I know comes from the Holy Spirit within.

You see, there are many instances in the Bible where the Israelites returned from battle, or the Arabs encamped to water and refresh their camels and even where Elijah himself slept after fleeing Jezebel before he was fed by the ravens, slept under a juniper tree. Ellie is like that tree. A refreshing place of rest and a calm place in the midst of a storm. This past two weeks, Ellie has been thrust into the flurry of activity produced by two of our major yearly fund-raising events and she has handled the preparation and attendance of both like a champ! [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, August 5, 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**

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." – John 10:11

### Networking for a Cause

Embassy Suites 150 served as amazing hosts for the latest Networking for a Cause. They provided food & drinks and even moved us to a larger room due to the excellent attendance. Over half of the guests were Birmingham business leaders who had never attended one of our quarterly networking events. We cannot wait to hear how everyone is blessed, in the coming months, from their new contacts. Refer someone every day via a social media comment, word of mouth or a warm transfer email.

### Just Call Kelly Team

A huge and generous July announcement from the [Just Call Kelly Team](#)... When someone buys or sells a home with the Just Call Kelly Team they will donate 25% of the team's net profits to the preferred customer choice non-profit.

Grace Klein Community is the first non-profit partner and we received a \$400 surprise at our Networking for a Cause event. Look at God showing out!

### \$15,000 and 15 Kenyan Women

\$15,000 raised and 15 Kenyan women have received a fistula repair medical surgery from Dr. Hillary Mabeya & the Gynocare team. Obstetric fistula, which renders women incontinent after prolonged obstructed labor, leaves a group of women to endure years of suffering, shame and isolation. 15 of these women received successful surgeries thanks to participation of community donors in our commitment to serve those on the fringes of society.



**THANK YOU** to the 93 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



*thank you*



**THANK YOU** to the 86 individuals and families as well as the 14 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

### MEET ONE OF OUR FAITHFUL BUSINESS PARTNERS

"Our participation is just a small particle to what [Grace Klein Community](#) does everyday... giving of themselves, their time and their love for community. As luck would have it, [The Garage in Pelham](#) is a Crystal Springs client; so how appropriate that we can also play a partnership role with GKC and our customer, The Garage." - Mario Bono, Area Sales Representative

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.

