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Event Highlight – Giving BACK Tuesday

Let's have a PARTY!! A progressive PARTY.

When: December 3, 2019

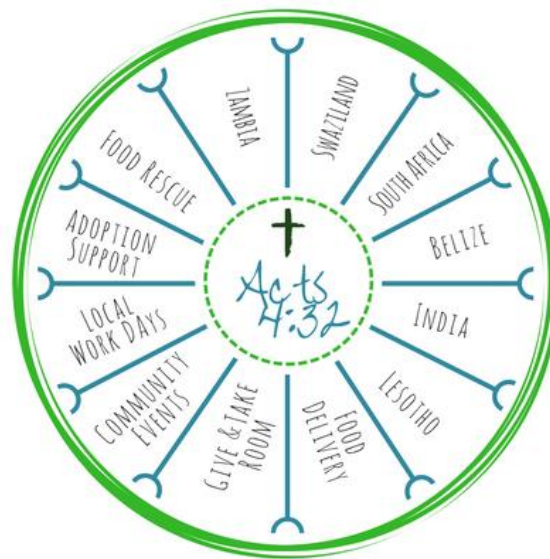
First stop: 3416 Deerwood Circle, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216 (Breakfast 9 – 11am or Lunch 11am – 3pm)
 Second Stop: 2652 Old Rocky Ridge Road, Hoover, AL 35216 (Coffee and Dessert)

Have you volunteered with us this year? Have you seen our truck and whispered a prayer for us? Has your business invested in us? Have you shared resources with us? Have you given money to sustain our operations? You are all invited!

We appreciate ALL of you and everything you have shared with us. 10 years of amazing. Cannot wait to see what God has in store next!!

May the love of Jesus transform your life, fill you with hope, joy and peace and fan into flame all the gifts He has given to you. When we all bring our Jesus amazing to the table, we will blow the socks off of Birmingham and infiltrate the whole world with Christ's love.

Let us know you're coming! [RSVP today!](#)



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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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2019 Cranksgiving Bicycle Ride and Food Drive

In conjunction with [Redemptive Cycles](#)' "Cranksgiving EnduroCat" on November 17th, they will be hosting a non-perishable food drive November 1st-17th benefiting Grace Klein Community. Look for the Christmas wrapped box near their register to donate!

Cherry on the top? \$5 out of every registrant's Cranksgiving EnduroCat registration fee will go towards buying non-perishable items which will be donated to Grace Klein Community.

We are honored to be selected, for a second year, as Redemptive's charity of choice for their annual Cranksgiving Bicycle Ride event! [READ MORE](#)

"For You make me glad by your deeds, Lord; I sing for joy at what your hands have done." – Psalm 92:4

Local Efforts

The Reindeer Dash 2019

"Ready, Set, Dash! Come out on Saturday December 21st at 7:30am for our 3rd Annual 5k and 1mile fun run at Pure Fitness in Vestavia Hills. Come dressed as your favorite holiday character and bring your family to support Grace Klein Community. This growing organization seeks to create authentic community by uniting diverse individuals, businesses, ministries, and churches to work together by sharing what they have in order to meet physical and spiritual needs both locally and globally.

Race packet pick up is Friday December 20th from 8am-6pm at Pure Fitness. 1425 Montgomery Hwy Ste 115 Vestavia Hills, AL. [SIGN UP](#) today!



Traveling for Thanksgiving?

Let's get prepared by combining resources and equip Grace Klein Community serve teams to create gift bags for any of us traveling for the holiday.

Our family takes these bags along and it brings a smile and encouragement to so many strangers. It's like sprinkling a little taste of Jesus wherever we go.

We stuff Ziplock bags with the following: index card (volunteers will write encouraging scripture,) Shampoo, Soap, conditioner, travel size Kleenex, band aids, hand sanitizer, mouthwash, Chapstick, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, nail clippers, lotion, McDonalds gift card (if we get fancy.)

Check your house or the Dollar General for any of these NEW items and drop items by The House on the Hill at 3416 Deerwood Circle, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216. You can leave your donations on the front porch. [READ MORE](#)

Shop GKC

10 years of amazing!! Sounds like a good time for some new apparel. Order a shirt, hat or a mug [ONLINE](#) to support the ministry efforts of Grace Klein Community. If you wish to dodge the shipping fees, swing by on a Monday at 2pm to 3416 Deerwood Circle, Birmingham, AL 35216. If you require an alternate pickup time, please email natalie@gracekleincommunity.com

Think Christmas presents. Order gifts for your staff, best friend, sister, cousin, children. We have plenty of in stock inventory and can fill your order today.

We give a special shout out to Kim Parmley, one of our community artists, who provided the design. She's a gift to Grace Klein Community and her image reminds us to see like Jesus sees so we will love like Jesus does. We love you Birmingham!!





Global Efforts – Dakar Academy, Senegal

They say here that October is the worst month. Worst because its hot season. Worst because its crazy busy even when it doesn't have to be. Worst because the slump of culture shock hits some. Worst because you're waiting for a break and the first glimpse of that is... so... far... away.

Yes, we are melting. It's hot. It's busy. It's sad making adjustments right now. But I also hate making that excuse. "It's the worst but keep pressing through." Sometimes that is just dumb. Why can't we adjust, adapt, change, make it easier.

Or here's another option: PRAISE.

I heard a pastor share online the other week from Psalm 22. Even in our suffering, God is enthroned by our praises. Praise when life is easy is easy. Praise in our suffering refines us and tests us. And if God is enthroned in our praise... who is enthroned in our complaints? [READ MORE](#)

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." – Colossians 3:15

BETTER TOGETHER

"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.

One of Our Angels

Nancy first started following GKC online and watching our needs. Every other week Nancy would bring me a bag or a box of something that we had posted that we needed at the office. Then Christmas rolled around and we had posted about toys and our need for someone to adopt one of our families in need. Nancy jumped at the call and quickly grabbed Christmas gifts and more for a single mama and her child. There was a time, long ago, that Nancy was a single mama herself at Christmas trying to make ends meet and provide a Christmas for her kids. Nancy could relate and began to find other ways to help at Grace Klein because of the kinship she now felt.

A few months ago, I finally convinced Nancy to join me at our monthly food delivery. With her husband out of town, she agreed to spend the day with me delivering my route that has seven families. Nancy absolutely loved the hustle & bustle of monthly food delivery at Asbury UMC, but her heart was broken for the families that we serve. She has promised to bring her husband, Robert, back to join us for more. Nancy is truly an angel without visible wings, but a halo none-the-less! (wink) [READ MORE](#)



Washing Feet

Joy has raised her three boys as a single parent, has never turned away someone in need of a meal or a place to stay, and takes care of all the animals on her little farm with the care and knowledge of a seasoned rancher. Now she devotes some of her already precious time to Grace Klein Community.

Joy decided to check out Grace Klein by coming to our monthly food delivery. Of course, with her generous servant's heart, I knew it wouldn't be her last time. Joy has gone from delivering one box, to three boxes to ten boxes and has even delivered my personal route of seven on top of her own.

During our No More Safety Pins event, she came to participate and jumped in to serve. She invited others to come to the clothing trade and blessed many others with clothing. Joy definitely has a heart of gold and shares the mission of Grace Klein Community to a tee! Thank you, Joy Jones for all you do! You live out your name! [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, November 4, 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



"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ." – Ephesians 1:3

HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED

Double Oak Grant

\$5,000 of love and generosity is headed our way from our friends at [Double Oak Community Church](#). We are so thankful for their continued investment into the food ministry efforts of Grace Klein Community.

We are encouraged to walk by faith in serving more families as Jesus continues to provide funding through church and business partners. Sometimes the unknown can be scary, but God gives us the courage to forget what is behind and press on to what is ahead. Want to join us for 2020?

Finance of America Cares Grant

In our first month of Food Delivery we served 58 families. This month, 10 years later, we served 368 families. In addition, we serve over 10,000 people every month through our weekly Trade Market. Our substantial growth is made possible through incredible community support. We thank [Finance of America Cares](#) for approving a \$2,500 grant this year, \$1,500 more than last year. We are honored by your trust and dedication to feed families in Birmingham, Alabama.

Missional Living

[Church Coming Soon](#) (Connectivus Church) to Calera, AL, and we were honored to meet many of its charter members at a worship gathering on Sunday evening, October 27, 2019. [Missional living](#) has taught us to emulate the early church from the book of Acts by remembering to pray continually, stay hidden in Christ, keep our circles facing outward, fight for unity, share with one another, be intentional, depend on Jesus, love and expect God to change us. Together we can turn the world upside down.



THANK YOU to the 69 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!

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THANK YOU to the 65 individuals and families as well as the 7 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

MEET ONE OF OUR FAITHFUL BUSINESS PARTNERS

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Consider joining Grace Klein Community, Inc. as a business partner for 2020 and our gift to you includes a membership to this incredible Christian business network. To sign up, please email rachael@gracekleincommunity.org.



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