

GCC MOBILIZED COMPASSION MINISTRIES ON AND OFF CAMPUSES

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Colossians 3:12

Christ-followers extend the compassion of Christ. At Grace Covenant Church, we have a vision to see every neighborhood transformed by the love Christ and one of the ways we accomplish that is to reflect the heart of Christ – demonstrating His care and compassion to our neighbors. Compassion Ministries empower Christ-followers to bring help and hope to vulnerable, at-risk and struggling individuals in our congregation and our communities.

CHRISTMAS JOYLAND TOY STORE - We bless those facing challenging times at Christmas in a variety of ways. The Christmas Joyland Toy Store will be open on December 9. Watch for more details in November. Contact <code>compassion@gracecovenant.org</code> for more information.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE VISITS - Volunteer Care Ministers visit church attendees who are hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound. If you would like to learn more about becoming a Care Minister. Contact *careministry@gracecovenant.org* to learn more.

GRACE FEEDING GRACE - The Bible clearly teaches that we should share our food with the hungry (Matthew 25:35). On the forth Sunday and Monday of each month, we provide non-perishable food items for families in our church. To contribute food, place it in the collection bins located throughout the church. Contact *careministry@gracecovenant.org* to serve in this ministry or to learn how to receive groceries.

STAMP OUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING - We are involved in bringing an end to human trafficking in four ways: Awareness, Funding Organizations, Partnering with local restoration homes and Networking. Contact *compassion@gracecovenant.org* for more information.

NEIGHBORHOOD C.A.R.E. CENTER

We have a vision for a new center that will be located in the midst of a local neighborhood. The acronym, C.A.R.E., summarizes the focus of the center: **C**onnect people in need to community resources and volunteers to community partners, **A**dvance people with life skills and recovery programs, **R**educe pressures on single parents and families in distress, **E**quip the next generation for success. Discover more through our Information Sessions. Contact *carecenter@gracecovenant.org* for more details.



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PRISON MINISTRY

Before and after walking out, those that are incarcerated need constant encouragement to make their "second chance" successful. Various ministry opportunities are available for men and women at Grace Covenant Church to touch the lives of those in prison, jails, and in re-entry programs from writing letters of encouragements to hosting Bible studies in local jails. For more information contact *compassion@gracecovenant.org*

ROOM IN THE INN

Every Thursday night and Friday morning between December and March, we host up to 10 homeless guests. A hot dinner and lodging are provided on Thursday nights and the guests awaken to breakfast and a to-go lunch on Fridays. There are a variety of ministry opportunities. For more information contact *compassion@gracecovenant.org*

THE FATHERS HEART

Grace Covenant's foster care and adoption ministry brings hope and help to children who need "forever families." By engaging, educating, and supporting families who are involved (or interested) in foster care and adoption, we seek to fulfill the directive to care for orphans found in James 1:27. For more information contact fathersheart@gracecovenant.org

THANKSGIVING BLESSING BASKETS

On November 21, we will prepare and distribute Thanksgiving dinner boxes to needy families in our community. You may give to purchase food for the baskets, help assemble the baskets or deliver them. Watch for more details in October. Contact *compassion@gracecovenant.org* for more information.

TO DISCUSS A NEW COMPASSION MINISTRY IDEA CONTACT

compassion@gracecovenant.org and a Pastor will contact you